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## Hell of a team!



### Last for 1984

This is "Soccer Action's" final issue of 1984. We'll be back again in late January, and watch also for our second "National Soccer Annual" which goes on sale in news-agencies throughout Australia on February 12, 1985.

• South Melbourne Hellas is the 1984 champion of Australia, after winning both legs of the national final against Sydney Olympic 2-1 in Melbourne and Sydney. The triumphant Hellas players, pictured among jubilant supporters at St. George Stadium, are, rear, from left: Oscar Crino, Bobby Russell, Ken Murphy, John Yzen-doorn, John Kenesoulis, Peter Laumets (low, next to Yzen-doorn). Front: Charlie Egan, Alan Davidson, Steve Blair, Doug Brown. Picture by LES SHORROCK. See full story page 3.

## Melbourne next stop for John Bradley?

Start queuing up now for the signature of one of the finest players in Australian soccer, for John Bradley probably won't be playing for APIA Leichhardt next season.

Bradley, 25 (pictured) feels that it's time to move and he'll consider all offers — even those from interstate.

"APIA's been really brilliant to me since I joined from Dundee in 1980. I've been given my flight back home to Scotland at the end of each contract so I certainly can't complain about the way I've been treated.

"But things haven't been going all that well at the club this year. Problems started once the club decided to form a soccer committee, thinking that it could raise money itself rather than having to rely on the licensed club for financial support.

"I think the Scharmann incident plagued APIA in the past, because the club was forced to pay out plenty."

Since then, it seems that APIA has struggled to make ends meet. Poor crowd support hasn't helped. According to Bradley, with the exception of matches against Sydney Olympic, APIA's biggest home gate this year was about 2,000. That's a big drop from when he joined. Then APIA was drawing between 5,000 and 6,000 to most home games.

"I don't know why the fans have gone but I think that it's political in some respects. Not being Italian, I'm not in a position to comment, though."

Bradley's contract with APIA expires this year but there's no maximum transfer fee clause in it. Bradley was born in Wishaw in Scotland and after trialling with English club Northampton Town as a 16-year-old he joined as an apprentice.

He played three first team games for the Fourth Division club and played under legendary Celtic, Manchester United and Scotland midfielder Paddy Crerand.

"It's very, very physical at that level. You get a lot of First and Second Division has-beens down there."

Gemmell, and was taken on Dundee's Australian tour in 1978.

Willie Wallace was assistant to Gemmell but when Wallace joined APIA as coach he signed Bradley and in January, 1980 Bradley arrived in Australia.

"I found it hard going at first. The biggest difference was the grounds. They were rock-hard and I think I came off with cramp in five of my first 10 games here."

"The State of Australian grounds still is a big problem. The best park I've played on here is Olympic Park in Melbourne but they've probably got a full-time groundsman and that's where other parks fall down. Most clubs don't own their own ground so it's up to the local councils to look after the grounds and they don't do a very good job at all."

Bradley hasn't seen any improvement in the playing standard since his arrival but his most scathing criticism is reserved for Sydney City Hakoh. the most successful club side since Bradley arrived.

"The game hasn't gone forward at all in my opinion. It's not that hard for a young player to step right into a first team spot and do a job over here but back home a young player had to have something really special to play at the highest level."

they can kick but not too many of them can play. They've got a couple of good players — John Kosmina is one — but they seem to try to kick and intimidate you more than out-play you."

Bradley sees a lack of depth as APIA's biggest problem this year.

"We had about 12 or 13 players, then we had to rely on youth team players who can play, but lack experience. That's probably why we didn't do a bit better this season. When guys like Peter Tredinnick and Arno Bertogna were out we had no one to pull in to replace them. Bertogna is very important to APIA. He's a good, steady player and he's a tremendous organiser at the back."

Bradley played up front this season but prefers to revert to a midfield role in which he feels far more comfortable.

"I think I was getting a wee bit lost up front. I didn't have the height or the strength to do well consistently up there. I'd rather join a team with a midfield position for me."

Going into the last NSL round before this year's finals series, Bradley was five votes in front of Green Gully midfielder Paul Wade in the voting for our \$1,500 Boral Bricks Player of the Year award. Wade polled six votes in that last

"Look, even if I missed out on winning that award by half a vote, I wouldn't complain. I've never had any complaints about the Press in this country because every journalist I've met has done the right thing by me and in the main, I think that the Press tries to do a good job."

Bradley and his wife of five years, Helen, have two children — three-year-old Sharon and one-year-old Michael — and are well settled in Australia. However, when Bradley's playing days end at the highest level, he wants to move to Perth. Former APIA team mates John Coyne and Tom Kilkelly recently built houses there and the Bradley family has holidayed in the west.

Bradley is undecided about which club he'll join next season but he hinted that a move to Melbourne wouldn't be out of the question.

"The Melbourne teams and the Melbourne set-up is getting better than Sydney. It seems to me that the Melbourne teams are the ones to play for right now if you want to play in front of a good crowd and a good atmosphere."

Take note Hellas, Heidelberg, Croatia, Juventus, J.U.S.T., Macedonia, Green Gully and Sunshine-George Cross for Bradley is a class player and at 25, he's got at least four or five years of top flight football left in him.



By CRAIG MACKENZIE

# Egan's goal not offside, fans fume at the gate

By LAURIE SCHWAB

**SOUTH MELBOURNE**  
HELLAS 2 (Egan 43rd. & 64th) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Koussas 5th) first leg of national final at Olympic Park, Wednesday night, crowd about 10,000. Referee: Doug Rennie 6. Cautions: Coady (SD), Blair (SM), Katholos (SD).

**HELLAS:** Laumets 6 — Russell 9, Blair 8, Yzendoorn 9, Postecoglou 9 — Davidson 7, Crino 6, Halford 8, Murphy 9 — Brown 8, Egan 9. Coach: Len McKendry.

**OLYMPIC:** Meier 6 — Dakos 8 — Coady 7, Jennings 6 — Phillips 8, Rogers 7, Raskopoulos 8, Katholos 7 — Patikas 9 (inj. sub. Kalantzis 7, 35th), Koussas 6 (Theodorakopoulos 65th), Soper 7. Coach: Manfred Schaefer.

Hellas took a 2-1 lead to Sydney after one of the most controversial finals matches I've seen in Australia.

It started even before the kick-off, with thousands of fans' fuming

**Man of the Match:**  
**KEN MURPHY**  
(SM-Hellas)

outside as they waited to get in through one solitary gate.

Many simply gave up in disgust and went home. The more militant jumped over a fence and got in for nothing. So, for the sake of saving a few hundred dollars in wages for gatekeepers, Olympic Park probably lost thousands!

The traffic control was just as farcical. Police prohibited cars from making a right turn into the parking area, meaning they drove on a few yards further, and then made U-turns into oncoming traffic, to get into line.

Hellas won the match with a superb goal scored quite brilliantly by Charlie Egan, with a lob over oncoming goalkeeper Gary Meier. Egan also had scored the first goal and was Hellas's match-winner. But what about Ken

Murphy? He was great in midfield, as was John Yzendoorn in defence.

The winning goal came 26 minutes before the end. A free kick by Peter Raskopoulos rebounded off defenders, and went to Alan Davidson. With the Olympic defence pushed up to the half line, Davidson lobbed the ball over the top, and Egan started chasing it in a clearly on-side position, as shown by the Channel 9/28 replay.

Egan kept running, leaving Mike Coady behind, and Coady, having been shown the yellow card earlier, could not afford to chop Egan down this time, for had he done so, he would have been sent off.

Coady's earlier foul on Egan almost certainly prevented a Hellas goal. The incident occurred in the 21st minute, with Olympic leading 1-0. Egan dashed away on a long ball from Bobby Russell, and was heading into the area to shoot past Meier, when Coady scythed him down from behind.

Martyn Rogers, who marked Oscar Crino effectively, had his nose broken



**Clash of the centre backs** — Tony Dakos of Sydney Olympic flies above Hellas's Steve Blair. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.

and Jim Patikas hobbled off with a bandaged right foot after a tackle by Ken Murphy. Patikas had been the best player on the ground before being hurt in the 35th minute!

Olympic claimed a goal when Peter Laumets fumbled a shot from Gary Phillips. The ball dropped behind Laumets, but it bounced inside play, rather than over the line, before Laumets turned and scooped it clear. Olympic's appeals, therefore, were without substance.

Olympic coach Manfred Schaefer complained bitterly about Hellas's play, claiming Hellas had been unnecessarily rough. He also slammed referee Doug Rennie and the linesmen.

Olympic president Jim Pettinellis said he would make his own personal protest by staying away from the second leg in Sydney.

But for all of Olympic's protestations, its players let Hellas off the hook after running the game for the first 20 minutes or so. During this period, Olympic's Peter Katholos, Peter Raskopoulos, Gary Phillips, and Jim Patikas dropping back from the forward line, bamboozled their Hellas opponents with slick interpassing, and scored through Mark Koussas in the fifth minute. Tony Dakos headed down a corner from Katholos and Soper was on the line to belt it in, while Laumets was distracted by Marshall Soper.

So much for that. Instead of going on with it, Olympic succumbed as Ken Murphy with the help of Carl Halford, took control of the midfield. Bobby Russell and Angie Postecoglou contributed to the forward thrusts by coming up from their full back positions; John Yzendoorn and Steve Blair took a firm grip in defence, and Charlie Egan gave the Olympic back-men not a minute's peace.

Katholos had spent much of the first 20 minutes in the middle of the field, where he was calling the shots. Then, however, he followed coach Manfred Schaefer's instruction to play wide against Davidson. That effectively took Katholos out of the game for long periods. Instead of being able to pick up the ball in the middle and create forward moves, Katholos was ineffective until he went looking for the ball again in the last 20 minutes.

Soper was cut out of the game by Angie Postecoglou who earned praise ever from the Olympic officials for his determined marking, and also his surging forward runs. "What a future this boy has," said one of the officials.

Full marks though, to Soper, who continued trying and challenging for everything he could, despite Postecoglou's close attention and the constant heckling from the crowd.



**Carl Halford of Hellas gets the better of Olympic captain Peter Raskopoulos.**



**The tormented and the tormentor.** Charlie Egan (right) scored twice against Olympic goalkeeper Gary Meier. Egan vied with Ken Murphy, John Yzendoorn, Bobby Russell and Angie Postecoglou for Man-of-the-Match accolades.

fective in midfield throughout the match, and Tony Dakos was cool and elegant as usual in the sweeper's position — even to the extent of contributing to Olympic's goal by heading the ball down for Koussas to score.

But by having Graham Jennings marking Egan, Olympic missed out on Jennings' attacking play on the left, and when Patikas went off, Olympic lost its top gun.

After Koussas had scored, Carl Halford came close with a strong drive which went too high. Then Dakos was called upon to dispossess Egan who had dashed clear after Jennings had missed with an attempted headed clearance, and Russell heralded

Brown, incidentally, was playing despite a painful foot infection.

A header by Blair from a Brown corner flashed narrowly past and then Oscar Crino who had a very quiet game by his standards, was foiled inside the box by Meier.

Hellas equalised only nine minutes after Olympic had lost Patikas.

It was Blair again who challenged for Brown's corner. Meier got his hands to the ball, but failed to hold it, and Egan belted in the loose ball.

Only a minute later, Crino sent an inspired crossfield ball to Egan, unmarked, on the right wing. Egan ran forward and held up his pass, waiting for Brown to come parallel. He should have taken the shot himself, for when he did release the ball, it was picked up by Meier.

Soper put the ball into the net for Olympic just after half time but the linesman already had signalled the move was off-side.

Chris Kalantzis, who had replaced Patikas, threatened the goal with three headers during the remainder of play, without getting on target, and a brilliant run by Raskopoulos, past three opponents in midfield, set up Phillips for a cross to Soper whose header went wide.

Then came that killer goal from Egan. The linesman raised his flag slightly, then dropped it again as Egan set off.

Immediately after the goal, Schaefer replaced Koussas, who had been disappointing after his goal, with Nick Theodorakopoulos, but it made little difference.

Brown had the best scoring chance in the remainder of play. With three minutes to go, Brown dashed clear to face Meier who was coming towards him. A simple low shot past Meier would have scored, but Brown got his foot underneath the ball and sent it over the bar.

And so Hellas remained unbeaten in 11 consecutive matches — since that 1-3 loss to West Adelaide Hellas in Adelaide in round 19.

For Olympic, it was the second loss in 15 games.



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# Hellas wins first NSL title, now it wants Galakos

**SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 2** (Crino 10th, Yzendoorn 18th) **SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1** (Theodorakopoulos 34th), second leg of national final at St George Stadium, Sunday. Crowd: 11,221. Referee: Chris Bambridge (Vic) 10. Cautions: Murphy, Davidson, Russell (SM); Soper, Raskopoulos (SO). Hellas won on aggregate 4-2.

**HELLAS:** Laumets 9 — Russell 9, Blair 9, Yzendoorn 9, Postecoglou 8 — Davidson 8, Crino 7 (injured, sub. Kanasoulis, 50th, 6), Halford 6, Murphy 7 — Egan 7, Brown 6. **Coach:** Len McKendry.

**OLYMPIC:** Meier 7 — Dakos 8 — Rogers 6 (Koussas 68th), Coady 7 — Phillips 7, Raskopoulos 8, Katholos 7, Jennings 7 — Soper 6, Theodorakopoulos 7, Kalantzis 7. **Coach:** Manfred Schaefer.

Sydney City Hakoah in 1977, 1980, 1981, and 1982; West Adelaide Hellas in 1978; Marconi in 1979; St. George Budapest in 1983, and now South Melbourne Hellas is the 1984 national soccer champion — the first Victorian club to win the title.

Hellas will waste no time in building on its success. "I always knew that the many thousands of fans Hellas had in the 80's could be coaxed back to our games and we've proved it during the finals series," club president Leo Anezakis said.

"Next year we hope to get even more supporters by signing a top class former Greek international on a one or two-year contract."

"We're looking at someone like Mike Galakos who was here with Olympiakos a few years ago and now plays for Panathinaikos."

Anezakis believes both Hellas and Sydney Hakoah, which was knocked out of the finals by Sydney Olympic, are better teams than Olympic.

But in fairness to Olympic, it fought hard all the way on Sunday, in a desperate attempt at least to push the match into extra time. After last Wednesday's 1-2 loss in Melbourne, Olympic had to win by one goal to do so. But

## Melta best

**Adelaide City Juventus midfielder Sergio Melta was named Australian Player of the Year last Monday at the National League's annual awards night at the APLA club in Sydney.**

Melta won the award from Green Gully midfielder Paul Weda. John Bradley of APLA finished third.

For Melta, the win capped his most memorable season in Australian soccer and while his team didn't set the NSL scene alight this year, Melta's consistency and quality shone through.

Melta is the second Adelaide-based player to win the award. The other was Bobby Russell, now with South Melbourne Hellas. He won the award in 1981 while playing for Adelaide City Juventus.

Votes for the award were cast by soccer writers and broadcasters throughout Australia.

The Coach of the Year award went to Eddie Thomson of Sydney Hakoah. Manfred Schaefer, one of the favorites, finished second while Len McKendry of South Melbourne Hellas was third. Brian Garvey, who was voted Victoria's Coach of the Year, only could finish fourth.

Brilliant Canberra goalkeeper Tony Franken was voted Australian under-21 Player of the Year.

when Hellas went to a 2-0 lead at St. George Stadium after 18 minutes. Olympic faced the task of having to score three times just to force extra time.

That task proved beyond Olympic, since John Yzendoorn, Bobby Russell and Steve Blair took on the stature of giants in the Hellas defence, backed up capably by goalkeeper Peter Laumets and left-back Angle Postecoglou, who once again shackled Marshall Soper.

I found it strange that Soper continued to stay wide on the right, even when Olympic was pumping the ball endlessly into the penalty area. A forward of his ability and experience should have been in there, challenging for it.

Hellas defended perfectly after going to the lead — especially after Olympic scored. Discretion then became the better part of valor.



LAURIE SCHWAB

**Man of the Match:**  
**JOHN YZENDOORN**  
(SM-Hellas)

Davidson's move to Forest, as the replacement for Viv Anderson, coupled with the achievements of the young national B team in reaching the third place play-off in the Meriton Cup, and the expectations surrounding the Socceroos' world tour which starts tomorrow (Thursday), is a tribute to the giant strides made by Australian soccer players over the past few years.

Players aside, we also boast one of the world's finest referees in Chris Bambridge from Melbourne. This final could have been a bloodbath after some crunching tackles during early play, but Bambridge adopted a firm stance from the start and stood head and shoulders above everyone on the pitch.

With the scoreline at 2-1, the match became a battle between the attacking Olympic players, and the indomitable Hellas defenders. Russell blocked more moves and shots than I could count. Steve Blair won everything in the air, and Yzendoorn was everywhere, clearing the ball, organising his defence, and, of course, scoring a goal as well.

Olympic coach Manfred Schaefer made all the right decisions before the match, but Hellas's two early goals proved too hard to overturn. Graham Jennings had proved to be an unsuitable marker for Charlie Egan on Wednesday night, so Martyn Rogers got that job this time, but he lasted only until Schaefer decided to replace him in the 66th minute, in order to add Mark Koussas to the forward line.

Jennings was freed to the left flank, where he picked up Davidson as well as contrib-



• Oscar Crino (No.8) scores Hellas' first goal. From left: Gary Meier, Mike Coady (front), Charlie Egan, Gary Phillips, Tony Dakos, Graham Jennings, Alan Davidson (on ground) and Martyn Rogers.



• Referee Chris Bambridge keeps a close eye on play as Carl Halford of Hellas takes the ball on his chest. Others pictured are Alan Davidson and Peter Katholos.

uted to the attacking moves, especially in the second half.

Peter Katholos, who had marked Davidson on Wednesday, went into the middle where his partnership with Peter Raskopoulos often proved effective.

Egan set the scene by beating Rogers on the left as early as the first minute, to cross the ball into the middle, but it was a little too high for Ken Murphy waiting at the far side.

Rogers' woes continued when Murphy flattened him on the touchline in the 5th minute, resulting in Murphy being shown the first yellow card of the game.

Raskopoulos had a shot charged down by Russell inside the box, and then Mike Coady missed from the edge of the box.

Hellas's two goals came after corners taken by Doug Brown and resulting from shots by him, which were deflected over the line.

Brown's corner in the 10th minute was flicked on by Murphy at the near post, but

Yzendoorn's shot was blocked. Davidson hooked the ball across the face of goal and Oscar Crino, at the far side, slipped it in.

Yzendoorn preserved that lead by blocking a header from Soper on the goal line after a free kick from Katholos.

Players were contesting with great fierceness, and when Soper felled Postecoglou, Crino and Blair came storming in to have a go at Soper. As usual though, Bambridge stood for no nonsense, took a firm stand and showed Soper the yellow card.

Halford set Brown a perfect long pass in the 18th minute, but Brown's shot again was deflected for a corner. Brown took that corner, Yzendoorn rose unchallenged and Hellas was two goals ahead in this match, and three goals ahead overall.

Davidson won the ball in midfield, inter-passed with Halford, Crino joined in with a flick-on, and Halford belted the ball just wide. Olympic, though, showed

great fighting spirit and continued to attack. Tony Dakos rose very high to put a corner from Katholos over the bar, and then Katholos, on a cut-back from Soper, was blocked by Davidson in the box.

Olympic scored in the 34th minute, with the finest move of the game. The ball was played forward via Coady, Katholos, Raskopoulos and Dakos who finally lobbed an inspired pass wide to Chris Kalantzis. He lobbed the ball in from the left wing to Nick Theodorakopoulos, who stood his ground, picked his spot, and headed the ball down past Peter Laumets. Katholos tried to add to the score with a powerful low drive. Laumets blocked it and managed to gather in the ball as Soper came storming in.

Crino was limping after a clash with Katholos, and finally had to be replaced by John Kanasoulis five minutes after half time.

Olympic could have scored again only a minute later. Raskopoulos chipped the ball inside to unmarked Kalantzis who, instead of steadying, headed down and past the post.

Then it was Soper again. He checked, turned past Postecoglou and fired in a shot but Laumets made a brilliant one-handed save for a corner.

Then Theodorakopoulos got the ball at his feet inside the area, but surrounded by opponents, he could not get a shot in no matter how hard he tried. Katholos sent a lovely free kick to the far post, begging for someone to put it away, but Koussas arrived too late.

Olympic kept on surging forward. Kalantzis whipped the ball across and Koussas, sliding onto it, succeeded only in putting it past the post.

Jennings shot from outside the area, yet Laumets made another great save, and then Theodorakopoulos shot over the top on a pass from Koussas.

And the match ended with Laumets making another save to stop a low shot from Kalantzis.

## Abraam's last-gasp winner gives Hellas the youth Cup



• George Kalogeros (left), Con Mosopoulos and Greg Kassidas with the national youth trophy, after having swapped shirts with Melita Eagles.

**SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 3** (Abraam 5th & 89th, Mavridis 24th) **MELITA EAGLES 2** (Vial 3rd, Whiteside 9th) at St. George Stadium, national youth final. Referee: Rogers Doenau 7. Cautions: Mosopoulos (SM).

**HELLAS:** Turudis 6 — Kasidas 9, Mosopoulos 7, Anzakis 8, Vardaxis 7 — Kiakos 7, Rizopoulos 5 (Mermingas 69th), Pasakos 7 (Karanitinos 84th), Kalogeros 8 — Mavridis 7, Adams 9.

**MELITA EAGLES:** London 7 — Smith 8, Barrios 7, Williams 7, Alexakis 8 — Johnston 8, Callanan 7, Whiteside 7 — Toome 5, Vial 7, Andriopoulos 7.

The Hellas youth team rounded off the finest day in the club's history by beating Melita Eagles 3-2 with a last-minute goal by Pepe Abraam in the national youth final at St. George Stadium on Sunday.

Abraam also had scored earlier in the match, to equalise a third-minute goal by Lenny Vial of Melita. Harry Mavridis scored Hellas's other goal. It was a great performance

by Hellas, which twice had to come from behind, and also missed striker Theor Mitsou who was suspended.

Goals fell like the rain and it was 2-2 after 24 minutes.

Paul Andriopoulos, on a run towards the penalty area, was brought down by Peter Vardaxis in the 3rd minute, and from the free kick, Lenny Vial blasted the ball powerfully past Mark Turudis.

Two minutes later, Mavridis started his own attack, held up the ball while waiting for support, and gained a throw-in. The attack continued with a shot from Con Kiakos ricocheting three times off defenders, before Abraam slipped it past goalkeeper Bill London.

Con Mosopoulos was shown the yellow card over a foul on Andriopoulos, and from the free kick, Lindsay Johnston pushed the ball short to Peter Whiteside who drove it hard and low past Turudis from long range to put Melita back into the lead.

Much skill and fair play was being shown by the Eagles during this period, so much so that Craig Williams played on overhead kick past to goalkeeper London from all of 20 metres!

But in the 24th minute, Jim Pasakos who did a lot of hard work in the midfield, sent a fine through ball to Mavridis who belted the ball past London on an angle to make it 2-2.

Johnston had a great chance to put Melita back into the lead on a loose ball, but he mis-kicked in the 36th minute.

Abraam was out cold after a midfield clash just after half time, but although Manny Mermingas was waiting on the

struggled back onto his feet and insisted on carrying on.

Melita left back Tom Alexakis was making some powerful and skilful runs into the penalty area, and Melita was generally in control, but an inspired diagonal crossfield pass from George Kaogeros to Abraam almost put Hellas ahead. Abraam however, pushed the ball too far ahead of himself, enabling London to pick it up.

Mermingas finally came on for Rizopoulos in the 69th minute and went to left back, in order to allow Peter Vardaxis to take a midfield position.

But Melita was unlucky again in the 82nd minute. Pasakos slipped and lost the ball in attack, allowing Andrew Callanan to streak away with the ball. He sent his goal to Vial in the open, and Vial cut a square pass to Andriopoulos whose shot, however, hit the post!

With injury time being played, Abraam scored the goal of the match. He juggled the ball on his head, nodded it down, ran into the area, and fired past London to make Hellas the Australian youth champion of 1984.

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## 'Off lightly'

SINGAPORE — Australian player Warren Spink who was facing a possible indecent exposure charge has been let off lightly, a police spokesman said here.

Deputy Superintendent of Police Xavier Lim said that the player was called up to the Central Police Station and warned for the misconduct. "I summoned the player and an official of the Australian team to come to the station following a reply from the Attorney-General's chambers to the investigation papers submitted earlier."

"In view of the fact that the complainant, the salesgirl, was prepared to drop the matter, following a public apology, the Attorney-General decided not to proceed with the matter," Mr Lim said.

Mr Lim had applied for a warrant of arrest in this case as it involved a foreigner likely to leave Singapore soon.

Spink, a member of the Australian team in the current Merlion Cup soccer tournament now in progress here, was arrested by police on October 16, for allegedly urinating into an ash-tray as a show shop in the presence of the salesgirl.

Following representations made by the Australian team officials, the salesgirl and the owner of the shoe shop demanded a public apology as a precondition to dropping the complaint. The Australian team placed an advertisement in the Sunday Times on October 21 expressing regrets and an apology over the incident.

## A crowd of over 30,000 watched the Merlion Cup final in Singapore last weekend and saw Iraq defeat South Korea 2-1 after extra time to take over from Australia as the cup holder.

But this great competition now is under threat and may in fact fold due to poor attendances this year. The Football Association of Singapore (FAS) incurred heavy financial losses during this Merlion Cup competition.

FAS budgeted for \$700,000 to run the cup. Half of that money comes from five major sponsors — Singapore Airlines, the Singapore Tourist Board, Anchor Beer, Puma and Kentucky Fried Chicken. The remaining \$350,000 was to come from gate receipts but with only an average of 6,000 spectators at the early rounds and at Australia's semi-final loss to South Korea after a sudden death penalty shoot-out, FAS lost heavily.

The main reasons for the loss were the dramatic rise in admission prices (they doubled from last year) and the lower standard of the competing teams. Only Singapore and Iraq were represented by their full national teams. The other five entrants fielded either youth or Olympic selections while Holland sent its national amateur team.

However, if the cup continues, Argentina and Chile have promised to send their full national teams next year.

David Dillon, the Australian team leader, has asked FAS to stage the cup in November or December next year to allow the senior Soccerroos to participate.

Nevertheless, this year's Merlion Cup provided great experience for the young Australians who will carry our hopes into next February's World Youth Cup qualifiers in Australia.

From the 12 under-19 players in this Australian team in Singapore, the major successes have been:

**ANDREW BERNAL:** picked in the all-star XI at the end of the Merlion Cup by a panel of 20 foreign journalists.

**ROBERT HOOKER:** The Institute of Sport apprentice, already tied to Sydney City Iakoo. He was very, very solid in defence, shutting out every opponent he faced.

**JOHN GREGSON:** The Melita lad started off as a reserve but gave tremendous displays every time he was used. He's a certainty for the national youth team in the World Cup qualifiers.

**AKI KOTZAMICHALIS:** The Springvale City sweeper, used out of position as a stopper, but came up trumps on both occasions in which he played there.

Of the six senior players in the squad, Tony Franken and Frank Farina strengthened their already impressive reputations and they seem certain

## From PETER DESIRA in Singapore

squad members for the senior Soccerroos side which will play qualifying games next year for the 1986 World Cup finals. Farina was almost a one-man forward line in the Merlion Cup but he shouldered his responsibilities with aplomb, scoring two goals, one an absolute gem in the semi-final.

In that same game, Franken, almost singlehandedly, denied Iraq and also saved a penalty in the dramatic finish to the contest. If he wins the No. 1 goalkeeper's jersey for the senior national team soon then we'll have an international class custodian for many, many years to come.

John Mihailidis also came to the fore here, proving very versatile and doing a great marking job against Iraqi captain Hussein Said, easily the star of the series.

In the semi-finals, Australia absorbed enormous pressure for 90 minutes. Every Iraqi player, with the exception of the stopper, had a shot on target and with one exception, when the woodwork got in the way, Franken was impassable.

And Farina almost stole the match in the last few minutes of normal time when he broke out a through ball from Howard Tredinnick but had his shot well saved by Iraqi goalkeeper Fatah Nuseif.

But the Australians weren't denied in extra time when a

breakaway, engineered by John Panagis, got Farina clear and his superbly angled shot from the left beat Nuseif all ends up.

Iraq levelled 10 minutes from the end of extra time when Said headed in from a cross by Hussein Shihab. Bernal, Farina, Panagis and Ralph Maier all converted penalties to put Australia 4-3 up. Then Franken saved from Ahmed Radhi, leaving captain Tredinnick in the position of having to score to clinch the game. The pressure proved too much and Tredinnick's attempt was saved.

Penalties converted by Gregson, Ray Vlietstra, Hooker and Warren Spink carried the Australians to 8-8, then up came Mihailidis, who had been injured late in extra time and had to be carried to the centre circle before the start of the penalty shoot-out.

Nuseif saved Mihailidis's attempt then the Iraqi goalkeeper scored with his eighth and the Aussies were out of the tournament.

The Australian team, with ratings: Franken 10 — Hooker 9, Bernal 9, Vlietstra 9, Tredinnick 8 — Panagis 8, Mihailidis 8, Maier 8, Sharpe 7 (Gregson 8th, 8) — Farina 9, Ingham 7 (Spink 10th).

In the third and fourth place play-off against Holland, the Australians started well with chances created for Farina and Spink but two quick Dutch goals finished the jaded 'Roos. Anno De Kleine scored in the 25th minute from a free kick and Rob Meulendyck added a second four minutes later with a strong shot from the right.

Franken saved a penalty from De Kleine in the second half but the Dutch sealed their place in the 76th minute with a goal from Chusi Reglero.

The Australian line-up: Franken 9 — Hooker 7, Vlietstra 7, Kotzamichalis 7, Tredinnick 8 — Maier 8, Stammatelopoulos 8 (Gregson 7th), Mihailidis 8, Kozka 6 (Ingham 7th) — Spink 7, Farina 7. Although forced into coming from behind and being taken into extra time, Iraq defeated South Korea in the Merlion Cup final.

The Koreans took the lead in the 9th minute when Kim Jong Boo robbed Adnan Darjal and scored with a shot from the edge of the area.

The great Said hit home a cross from the right in the 44th minute and seconds later Korea's Lee Kyung Nam missed a sitter.

Two minutes into the second half of extra time, Wamid Munir hit home the winner to give the Iraqis the cup in their first venture into the tournament.

## MACEDONIAN CUP

The 1984 Macedonian Cup kicked off last weekend and is being contested by eight clubs, split into two groups for the preliminary round-robin competition.

The top two teams in each group advance to the semi-finals which will be played at Connor Reserve, home of Preston Macedonia, on Sunday, November 18. The final will be played the following Sunday at Connor Reserve.

The round-robin competition underway at present is being held at Altona Gate's ground. Here are the groups and last weekend's results:

**GROUP A:** West Geelong 2 Altona Gate 4; Geelong West United 1 Meko Holdings 8.

**GROUP B:** Lalor United 5 Shepparton Macedonia 0; Footscray Vardar 3 Pascoe Vale Pelister 1.

This Sunday's games at Altona Gate's ground, starting at 10 am: Lalor United V. Footscray Vardar; Shepparton Macedonia V. Pascoe Vale Pelister; West Geelong V. Geelong West United, Altona Gate V. Meko Holdings.

# Big financial boosts for Hellas, Juventus

By ALLAN CRISP



While neither Adelaide Juventus nor West Adelaide Hellas can wax ecstatic over their exploits on the field, both can count 1984 as outstandingly successful from the financial aspect.

City whittled down a \$400,000 debt to an acceptable \$100,000 deficit and is confident of returning to the black in 1985.

And City will go into next season with the renewed backing of Boral Ltd, Adelaide Pest Control and a new sponsorship from Fairmont Homes.

President Charlie Caruso estimates that the combined sponsorship package could bring City \$110,000 and boost it to NSL leadership within 12 months.

West, meanwhile, has become the first beneficiary of SA's planned new casino complex.

In a shrewd business deal, West sold its North Terrace clubrooms for \$765,000 and raised \$148,000 from its Miss Hellas quest.

No decisions will be made on coaching appointments until after the annual meetings, but coach Sam Salabasidis is odds-on to continue with West for 1985.

Edmund Kref, who was called out of retirement by City, is keeping his options open, but has made it clear

that if he continues as coach it will be his decision.

With 1985 the crunch season when relegation will be enforced, both clubs intend to enter the transfer market.

West has its sights set on two established NSL stars from interstate and several State League players have been approached as back-up squad members.

Much the same plan has been conceived by City, which next year also wants to import a star overseas player on a long term basis.

The battle lines are already drawn as the arch rivals plot to upstage one another in pre-season player purchases.

And both believe it unthinkable that either should be absent when a reduced NSL is formed in 1986.

City and West breathed a collective sigh of relief when the final whistle sounded on the 1984 National Soccer League season.

For what had begun as a revival year for West



George Konstandopoulos (centre) of West Adelaide Hellas, challenges Ian McKie of Heidelberg-Alexander. At left is Mike Petersen. Picture by FRANK HOBBS

ended as a skin-of-the-teeth survival year, while City finished a cavernous five points out of the top five.

Before a ball had been kicked, both clubs were guarded about their respective prospects, as Kref bemoaned the loss of several experienced players by City and West's Sabasidis promised to give his youngsters full rein.

Kref, who took over as City coach from ex-Scottish international and West

Ham goalkeeper Bobby Ferguson in November, 1983, knew he faced an uphill battle when he lost defender Neil Banfield, Kiwi international Glenn Dods and midfielder Stewart Blair.

West also suffered from the loss of key players when Robbie Dunn and Graham Heys crossed over the border to Preston-Macedonia. But Neil McGachy provided a glimmer of light when he reversed a decision to retire.

West's team sheet read like that of Iraklis as John Panagis, Steve Atsalas, John Papazoglou, Tom Totikas, Nick Malavazos, Steve Papadopoulos, George Konstandopoulos and Theo Stammatelopoulos joined Graham Honeyman, McGachy, Gary Sproul and Ian McGregor as first team players.

With purse strings drawn tight, neither Adelaide team could afford new stars, but City paraded Mark Gatensby, from

Christchurch Rangers, after an initial hic-up from the Immigration Department.

City began the NSL season with a 1-0 win over West to set a trend for 1984.

That was the first of only 10 league wins for City and the imbalance of 13 losses told the story of its lack of consistency.

City made a bold bid to arrest falling attendances by importing Nello Scarpa, Tommaso Talarico and later Graziano Tavoni, but only Scarpa provided the class required of a guest player.

A 2-1 win over George Cross in the final league round, coupled with City's 2-1 success against Brisbane City, saved West the acute embarrassment of applying for reinstatement to the NSL for a record third time.

In the end, West finished just four points behind City on the National Conference ladder — a reasonable effort when West's high injury rate is assessed.

West was desperately unlucky to lose its top goalscorer George Konstandopoulos mid-way through August when the 19-year-old striker had surgery to repair torn cruciate ligaments in his left ankle from the experience gained in the exacting NSL arena.

West also lost Atsalas,



Edmund Kref



Sam Salabasidis



Nello Scarpa

Papazoglou and Brenton Hiern for long periods through serious injuries which required operations.

The big plus for both clubs is that they each used a high percentage of young players, the best of which will reap enormous benefit from the experience gained in the exacting NSL arena.

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Dez Marton

## Dez Marton to play in World Cup

St George Budapest's star forward Dez Marton will play for Hungary in the VSF centenary World Cup competition which kicks off in Melbourne on November 11.

The Hungarian squad is: J. Kiss (Sunbury), T. Mistic, S. Kazi, A. Ambrus, S. Guzmán, A. Kazi, J. Hegedűs, I. Balog, T. Hagymasi, R. Erdős, S. Bleszkany, S. Henkul, A. Szabo (Hawkesburn); D. Marton (St. George Budapest); E. Toth, S. Szabo, E. Tapai (Melbourne-Hungaria); K. Szabo (Westall); T. Drinocky (Pahran-Slavia); P. Drinocky (Juventus); J. Palinkas (Fawknor); F. Varga, M. Gyamati, J. Pallo, J. Biro (Parkmore).

The squad is coached by Joe Szabo, with J. Biro his assistant. Team manager is Alex Rind.

The Hungarians will train at the Hungarian Community Centre at Warringa, which from now on will be the home ground of Hawkesburn which from December 1 will be known as the Warringa Huns Hungarian Sport and Soccer Club.

The draw for the World Cup is:

### November 11

GROUP A, at Partridge Reserve: Italy v Hungary, followed by Croatia v Turkey.  
GROUP B, at Connor Reserve: Australia v Hispania, followed by Macedonia v Ireland.  
GROUP C, at Chaplin Reserve: Malta v Poland, followed by Greece v Cyprus.  
GROUP D, at Egan Lee Reserve: Scotland v Netherlands, followed by England v Yugoslavia.

### November 14

GROUP A: Italy v Turkey at Partridge Reserve; Croatia v Hungary at Smith Reserve, Fawkner.  
GROUP B: Australia v Ireland at Green Gully Reserve; Macedonia v Hispania at Connor Reserve.  
GROUP C: Malta v Cyprus at Middle Park; Greece v Poland at Middle Park.  
GROUP D: Scotland v Yugoslavia at Wembley Park, Box Hill; England v Netherlands at Jubilee Park, Ringwood.

### November 18

GROUP A, at Smith Reserve: Turkey v Hungary, followed by Croatia v Italy.  
GROUP B, at Green Gully Reserve: Ireland v Hispania, followed by Macedonia v Australia.  
GROUP C, at Middle Park: Cyprus v Poland, followed by Greece v Malta.  
GROUP D, at Wembley Park: Yugoslavia v Netherlands, followed by England v Scotland.

### November 22

AT GREEN GULLY Reserve: Winner of Group A v runner-up of Group B.  
AT CONNOR RESERVE: Winner of Group B v runner-up of Group A.  
AT CHAPLIN RESERVE: Winner of Group C v runner-up of Group D.  
AT JUBILEE PARK: Winner of Group D v runner-up of Group C.

### November 25

AT GREEN GULLY Reserve: Winner of Green Gully Reserve quarter-final v winner of Chaplin Reserve quarter-final.  
AT Egan Lee Reserve: Winner of Connor Reserve quarter-final v winner of Jubilee Park quarter-final.

### December 2

At Middle Park: Play-off for third and fourth place, followed by the final.

Frank Arok's Soccerroos leave this week for their momentous intercontinental journey and, as I have already observed in a previous column, with a squad that is as stable, unified and cohesive as it was predictable.

In a world where two arguing soccer fans will come up with about 10 different teams, I do not believe in criticising national selections.

But as fans and members of the audience, we all have a right to pick our little fairy-tale selections, even if they get us exactly nothing except perhaps chuckles from the professional technicians who sit on their benches collecting warts on their backsides worrying about their results.

My team of the year, for instance, will establish little apart from my pathological kink for entertaining footballers and that I would never make a national coach.

The fact that this has been the most brutally "physical" season, probably in the game's history in this country, only narrows down the field and makes my task all that much easier.

But in the post of goalkeeping such criteria matters little, which is why choosing the top keeper for 1984 is difficult.

One thing in which the NSL is rich is goalkeeping talent and I'm sure even Frank Arok would agree that is the area where he confronts a glut of suitable choices.

For me Jeff Oliver, Tony Pezzano, Peter Laumets, Richard Wilson, Yakka Banovic and Peter Blasby all have had fabulous seasons and demonstrable class that would suit them for first division status even in Europe.

But after much pondering my choice is Canberra's Tony Franken particularly having taken, as I do, into consideration performances during the May-June international series.

Franken is exciting enough for his youth, but already his reliability is unrivalled, not to mention his freakish reflexes and instinct for the remarkable.

If it were not for him I believe the 'B' team would have been hammered, for instance, in that first game against Glasgow Rangers.

In the sweeper's role at the rear of the backline I would put Vedran Rozic, the little star as it turns out in my 11, who would not be eligible for Australia.

He is of course the highest-credentialed footballer currently in our midst and even his handful of games established him as number one in a role which requires his kind of control, cool and experience.

# My 1984 all-stars: all skill and flair



LES MURRAY

	Tony FRANKEN	
	Vedran ROZIC	
Alan DAVIDSON	Tony DAKOS	Graham JENNINGS
Joe WATSON	Oscar CRINO	Peter RASKOPOULOS
	Steve GOJEVIC	
Marshall SOPER	Doug BROWN	

I make no apologies for putting next to him, at centre back, Tony Dakos, a man of similar disposition if more than a trifle younger.

They would make a pretty pair, if you don't mind my saying so, but effective, too, for Olympic's defence seems to have become markedly steadier since Dakos's return from injury.

The two wings-backs, for me and for Arok, pick themselves for it would seem a sin to go past the qualities of Alan Davidson and Graham Jennings, even if it was hard to omit Vic Bozanic who remains what he always was, even with West Adelaide: a fiery defender with a delightful yen to partake in the attack.

Where skill and creativity are concerned, the biggest realm is midfield.

Here I fancy Oscar Crino, positioned in the middle just in front of the back four where he would get the space his creative touch needs and from where he could canter periodically forward for his habitual dribbling runs and sweeping shots at goal.

Joe Watson, for his deft chips and pinpoints crosses, would need to be on the right flank of the middle quartet.

And I would put Peter Raskopoulos, who in my view has grown in stature a hundred percent during the playoff series, on the left for similar reasons.

Indeed, it was only "Rasko's" most recent games that gave him my choice ahead of another regrettable omission in the cultured Zarko Odzakovic.

In the most forward midfield role, the half-way point between the middle and the striking line the Italians call "mezzo punto", my choice is Steve Gojevic.

Some have said this season that the young Steve is a trifle slow. Yet, not in the least because of his paltry 18 years, I found Gojevic the revelation of the year and a man with a limitless future.

Speed, besides, is something proper coaching and dedication can improve upon. But the raw talent, the ability to improvise, Gojevic has shown this season, is barely possible for others unless they are born with it.

That leaves a miserly two places up front, not an area in my view where Australia is particularly wealthy in talent.

Marshall Soper's choice to my mind is automatic.

Not just because I see him as being effective in a real team, but as a reward for another fine season in which he stood distinguished as the Australian game's only true personality — and I coin the word as it was defined long ago when soccer was abundant with players of individual character and not tin soldiers.

And next to Soper one is very tempted to put either the exciting and zestful Frank Farina or of course Soper's Soccerroo partner, John Kosmina.

But on this season I prefer Doug Brown to either.

There is clearly not much between them, but if I were a defender Brown would be my most worrisome opponent, for his ability to shoot from all distances and in the smallest of spaces and for the hunger for goals he has shown this season. Such a team, as I said, would never be picked by a national coach and, if so composed, it may not even win the national league.

But at the end of a season of cruel percentage football, where the two points to the winner ensured that two dull draws added up to one win, you might agree that at least they would lose nicely.

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One of the biggest things to happen to Olympic in the past 25 years was beating Sydney City Hakoah in the Australian Conference grand final the other week.

## Alan shared Olympic's day of glory

Until then, our only other major honor was winning last year's National Cup.

I predicted some weeks ago that we'd win something this year and thank God, we were able to do it. Especially for our thousands of fans.

And boy, was it sweet to beat Sydney City and end the hoodoo. And the main feeling among soccer fans and players from other Sydney clubs was that our win was a great shot in the arm for Australian soccer. People were getting a bit sick and tired of Sydney City winning things year in, year out, to tell you the truth.

Our fans went absolutely wild with delight. I carried the championship trophy around the ground and I could see many Olympic fans with tears in their eyes. Another man with tears in his eyes was our president, Jim Petinellis.

I remember speaking to Jim when he became president and he told me that he was hell-bent on being the first president of the club to win a championship. Well, he's done it.

Jim, our coach Manfred Schaefer, and all the Olympic players will go down in the club's history books now and our achievement will be remembered for a long, long time.

It was one of the greatest thrills I've ever experienced. I'll certainly never forget that day when we silenced Sydney City and brought the league championship to Olympic, a club which has waited a long time to savor the sweet smell of success.

### We did it for Alan

Some of us don't realise just how lucky we are to be healthy.

I visited leukaemia patient Alan Patman, 18, a big Olympic fan, before the grand final against Sydney City.

Alan's main wish was for an Olympic victory and it was a very special moment for me.

After the game, I realised that Alan's dream had come true. It made winning that much more special for all the Olympic players. It felt good, really good, knowing how much pleasure we'd given Alan.



## Australian women lose final

PEKING, a US women's team from Texas won the Xian soccer invitational tournament by defeating Australia 1-0 in the final.

Toni Catchings scored the winning goal in the 65th minute.

Italy defeated Japan 5-1 to take third place in the eight-team tournament. Rose Reilly of Italy was honored as top scorer of the event with 10 goals.

### Watch out for Andricopoulos

Look out for another kid who has surged through youth ranks.

Paul Andricopoulos of Melita Eagles really impresses me with his close ball skills and scoring ability.

Paul plays as a left-sided striker and he's really stood out this season. He's just 17, so with good coaching and the right attitude there's every chance that he'll go right to the top in Australian soccer.

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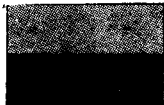
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# BORAL BRICKS

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The changing face of National League soccer is reflected in our 1984 "Team of the Year" (see pages 8 and 9), which includes only one player who has appeared previously — John Bradley of APIA.

The other 10 appear for the first time, headed by Green Gully's Paul Wade, who won the "Soccer Action"-Boral Bricks Australian Player of the Year award.

Joe Watson (Hakoah) and Martyn Crook (West Adelaide Hellas) hold the record of having been named in our Team of the Year in five of the eight seasons since the NSL started.

Below are all votes gained in our Boral Bricks award, and all goals scored, on a club-to-club basis.

The top vote-getters overall were:

- 83. Paul Wade (GG)
- 82. John Bradley (APIA)
- 75. Sergio Melta (AC)
- 68. Dave McIntosh (Penrith)
- 60. Gary McDowell (JUST)
- Josip Biskic (Melb Croatia)
- 56. Steve Jackson (BL), Rob Cullen (Juve)
- 55. Charlie Egan (SM)
- 54. Kim Wishart (BC), Robbie Dunn (Mak)

## ADEL CITY JUVENTUS

Votes:

- 75. Melta
- 42. Flounders
- 34. Nyskohus
- 30. Maxwell, Mullen
- 23. Villani
- 18. Tobin
- 12. McNally
- 10. Gatenby
- 9. Cecere
- 8. Shillabeer, Dods
- 7. Scarpa
- 3. DeVito

Goals:

- 8. Villani
- 5. Melta
- 4. Gatenby
- 3. Maxwell, Mullen
- 2. DeVito



**Goalkeeper Yakko Banovic — returned from Derby County during the season, to join Melbourne Croatia.**

- 1. Rankin, Tallerico, Flounders
- o.g. McMillan (Mak)

## APIA-LEICHHARDT

Votes:

- 82. Bradley
- 47. Gray
- 45. P. Tredinnick
- 44. Bertogna
- 31. Butler, Pullen
- 19. Bozanic
- 15. Parkes
- 13. K. Caban
- 11. Brown
- 8. Morsello
- 4. DeCeglie

Goals:

- 11. Bradley
- 7. Caban
- 6. Gray
- 5. Morsello

- 4. Tredinnick, Bozanic
  - 3. DeCeglie
  - 1. Bertogna, Catlin
  - o.g. Dunleavy (Black)
- Finals goals:**
- 1. Butler, Genovese, Morsello, Bertogna, Colaguirri, Bozanic

## BLACKTOWN CITY

Votes:

- 51. Hoare
- 31. Dunleavy
- 29. Byrne
- 26. Wheatley
- 23. O'Connor
- 22. Selva
- 20. Sandy
- 18. Larkin
- 16. Quarmby
- 11. Pointer
- 10. Rasmussen
- 8. Shaw, McLaughlin
- 4. Thornthwaite
- 1. Bourke

Goals:

- 7. Sandy, Larkin, O'Connor
  - 6. McLaughlin, Eaton
  - 5. Byrne
  - 2. Selva
  - 1. Pointer, Dunleavy
  - o.g. Murray (SC)
- Finals goals:**
- 1. McLaughlin

## BRISBANE CITY

Votes:

- 54. Wishart
  - 39. Bromfield
  - 38. Liddell
  - 37. Pimblett
  - 33. Perry
  - 20. Swan
  - 14. Fabrizio
  - 9. Mengotti
  - 8. Milovanovic
  - 7. Hamilton
  - 4. O'May
  - 2. Mountford
  - 1. Scriggins
- Goals:**
- 3. Liddell, Bromfield, Mengotti
  - 2. Fabrizio, Swan, Pimblett
  - 1. Mountford, Scriggins, Hamilton, O'May, Clockner, Walsh

## BRISBANE LIONS

Votes:

- 56. Jackson
- 39. J. Stewart
- 34. Niven
- 27. Hunter
- 24. Daunt
- 20. Cairney, Vasquez
- 18. McDonagh



Former Australian captain Murray Barnes (left) of Sydney City Hakoah, heads clear under challenge from John Kanessoulis and Kris Kalifatidis (No.5) of South Melbourne Hellas. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

- 16. R. Stewart
  - 15. Junna
  - 10. Farrow
  - 8. Charlton, Evans
  - 5. Redmond
  - 4. Wright
  - 2. Ogden
- Goals:**
- 9. Cairney
  - 7. McDonagh, Daunt
  - 5. Anderson
  - 2. Hunter, Vasquez, J. Stewart
  - 1. R. Stewart, Ogden, Junna, Niven
- Finals goals:**
- 1. McDonagh, J. Stewart, R. Stewart, Cairney

## B.U.-JUVENTUS

Votes:

- 56. Cullen
- 52. Dowie
- 25. Miranda, Rogers
- 18. Ward
- 17. Campbell
- 15. Sweeney, Geremia
- 14. Martin
- 10. Keogh
- 9. Zinni
- 8. Lloyd, Swinscoe
- 7. Brown, Hird
- 6. Drinoczky
- 2. Minichiello, Saglam

Goals:

- 9. Sweeney, Ward
  - 4. Zinni
  - 3. Cullen, Swinscoe
  - 2. Lloyd, Miranda
  - 1. Brown, Dowie
  - o.g.: Farrow (BL)
- Finals goals:**
- 2. Sweeney

## CANBERRA ARROWS

Votes:

- 53. Franken
- 46. Bryant
- 37. Sermanni
- 33. Farina
- 25. Gibson
- 15. Brockbank
- 14. Reis, Perinovic, Harkins
- 11. Redmond
- 10. Christopoulos, Jones
- 7. Mihailidis, Phillips
- 6. Ontong
- 4. Hogg, Lamond
- 3. Burke
- 1. Economopoulos

Goals:

- 8. Farina
- 7. Perinovic, Bryant, Reis
- 3. Gibson
- 2. Jones, Phillips, Redmond, Sermanni, Harkins
- 1. Brockbank, Mihailidis
- o.g.: Gaffney (W), Bennett (Geo Cross)



After stints with Slavia, Heidelberg-Alexander and Footscray J.U.S.T., veteran defender Jim O'Reilly starred this season with Sunshine George Cross. At right is Steve Gojevic of Melbourne Croatia.

## FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.

Votes:

- 60. McDowell
- 33. Lujic
- 32. Tansey
- 29. Belic
- 21. Carroll
- 20. Boland
- 15. Karic
- 12. Hazabent
- 11. Curovic, Kyriakoules
- 8. Lacmanovic
- 7. Tutill
- 5. Paton
- 1. O'Donnell

Goals:

- 8. Lujic
- 5. Belic
- 4. Carroll
- 3. Paton
- 2. McDowell, Lacmanovic
- 1. Karic, Kyriakoules
- o.g.: Blair (SM)

## GREEN GULLY

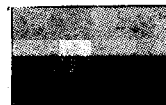
Votes:

- 83. Wade
- 46. Williams
- 36. Cannell
- 34. Carter



South Melbourne Hellas stopper Steve Blair (left) — one of the top defenders in the country is tackled by Brisbane City full back Gary Bromfield. Picture by CARLOS PICASSO.

# STARS OF '84



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25. Vassallo  
17. Hogben  
13. Denys  
9. Lewis  
8. Smart  
7. Smallman, McLelland  
6. McGuinness  
2. Toal (plus 22 with Geo Cr)  
1. Kremers
- Goals:**  
10. Lewis (plus 2 with SM-Hellas)  
8. Carter  
5. McGuinness  
4. Wade  
2. Cannell, Vassallo  
1. Kremers, Smart, Williams

## HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER

- Votes:**  
52. Yankos  
42. Oliver  
38. McKie  
30. Petersen  
29. Selemidis  
27. Macleod  
21. Valentine  
19. Winn  
10. Patterson  
7. Taslos  
6. Tzintzis, Angele  
4. Stevenson  
3. Marley  
1. Metaxas
- Goals:**  
11. Winn  
9. Patterson  
4. Valentine  
3. Selemidis, Tzintzis  
2. Yankos, Petersen  
1. Vagias, Stevenson, Taslos  
o.g. Wade (GG)
- Finals goals:**  
4. Stevenson  
2. Petersen

## MARCONI

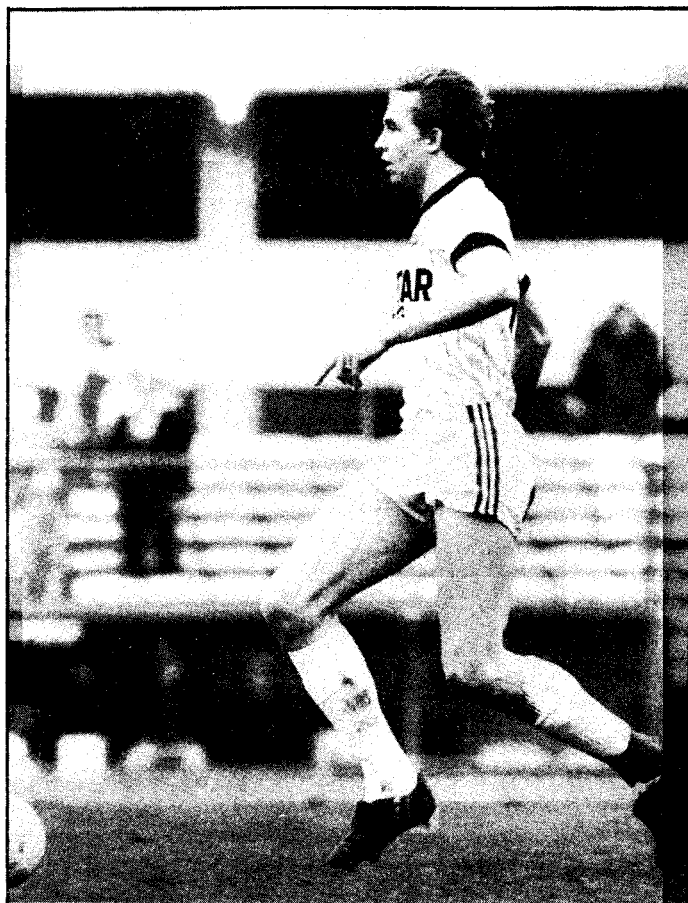
- Votes:**  
48. Lowe  
42. McCulloch  
41. Henderson  
35. Mason  
34. Jankovics  
30. Brown  
24. James, Mariani  
14. Sharne  
11. Carter  
10. Djordjevic, Calderan  
3. Budini  
1. Spanos
- Goals:**  
15. Brown  
13. Lowe  
11. McCulloch  
10. Jankovics  
4. Sharne  
2. Henderson  
1. Calderan, Mariani, Mason
- Finals goals:**  
1. Lowe, Sharne, Brown, Jankovics

## MELB. CROATIA

- Votes:**  
60. Biskic  
35. Cumming  
30. Curcio  
27. Brogan  
24. Antolovic  
22. Markovac  
20. Parton  
18. Lewis  
16. Gojevic  
12. Banovic  
10. Campbell  
9. Blasby, Hannah  
6. Faulkner (+16 votes with Geo Cross)  
5. Deamovic  
1. Adams, Jurcic
- Goals:**  
7. Gojevic, Brogan  
6. Cumming  
5. Biskic, Markovac  
3. Antolovic, Campbell  
1. Lewis, Hannah
- Finals goals:**  
2. Brogan  
1. Lewis, Gojevic, Cumming

## MELITA EAGLES

- Votes:**  
52. Wilson  
45. McPherson  
33. H. Tredinnick  
29. Allan  
23. Farrugia  
13. McCausland  
12. Johnston, Jamieson, Davies
7. Duarte  
4. Hummell, Demanuel  
4. McKie, McGinn  
3. Laing  
2. Farnsworth, Griffiths  
1. Andropoulos
- Goals:**  
5. Farrugia  
4. Duarte  
3. Wilson  
2. McKie, Demanuel, Andropoulos  
1. Vial, Johnston, Allan, Jamieson  
o.g. Hazab



Robbie Dunn — had a magnificent season with Preston-Makedonia after joining from West Adelaide Hellas.



St. George Budapest midfielder Mark Barton — jubilant after scoring goal.

## NEWCASTLE-ROSEBUD (and KB United)

- Votes:**  
39. Senkalski  
32. Maier  
31. Boogaardt  
25. Gosling  
24. Owens  
18. McQuarrie  
16. Power  
14. Brandt  
11. Todd, Kerby  
10. Jones  
8. Burke (+3 with Can.)  
6. Milosevic  
3. Davies, Johns
- Goals:**  
8. Brandt  
7. Todd  
3. Senkalski, Milosevic  
2. McQuarrie, Kerby, Power, Boogaardt

1. Morgan, Johns, Allen, Jones, Owens  
o.g. Richardson (Geo Cr)

## PENRITH

- Votes:**  
68. McIntosh  
43. Gibson  
34. Wotherspoon  
23. Cotton  
19. Campbell  
14. Hunter  
12. Brown
11. Daley  
10. Brogan  
8. Jackson, Hale  
4. Freeman  
3. Cross  
1. Nix
- Goals:**  
6. Cotton, Jackson  
6. Wotherspoon  
3. Hale  
1. McIntosh, Colusso, Ainsworth  
o.g. McDonald (Melb. Eag)

## PRESTON MAKEDONIA

- Votes:**  
54. Dunn  
52. McMillan  
43. Dobson  
34. Heys  
27. Campbell  
22. Odzakov  
14. Opasinis, Petrovski  
12. Lucchesi  
7. Cole  
6. Ilioski  
5. Flavell, Potter  
3. Lane, Wilson
- Goals:**  
8. Dunn  
6. Lucchesi  
5. Odzakov  
4. Campbell, Heys  
3. Ilioski, Cole  
2. Opasinis  
1. McMillan, Lane, Dobson, Balevski  
o.g. Wade (GG), Martin (Nye)

## SOUTH MELB. HELLAS

- VOTES:**  
36. Davidson, Murphy  
35. Crino  
33. Russell  
28. Brown  
19. Yzendoorn  
13. Kanesoulis  
11. Halford, Kalifatidis  
10. Laumets  
5. Postecoglou  
1. Clayton
- GOALS:**  
20. Brown  
9. Egan  
4. Crino  
3. Yzendoorn, Murphy, Davidson  
2. Blair, Halford, Lewis (+10 with G. Gully)
- FINAL GOALS:**  
3. Crino, Yzendoorn  
2. Brown, Egan  
1. Davidson

## SYDNEY OLYMPIC

- VOTES:**  
50. Patikas  
46. Katholos  
35. Raskopoulos  
30. Coady  
29. Soper  
25. Jennings  
22. Kalantzis  
18. Meier  
14. Phillips  
13. Theodorakopoulos  
12. Koussas  
6. Lambropoulos  
5. Rodgers
- GOALS:**  
13. Katholos  
9. Patikas, Koussas, Theodorakopoulos  
8. Soper, Kalantzis  
2. Raskopoulos  
1. Patalis, Dakos, Lambropoulos
- FINAL GOALS:**  
2. Koussas  
1. Phillips, Katholos, Raskopoulos, Kalantzis, Patikas, Soper, Coady, Theodorakopoulos

## SUN-GEORGE CROSS

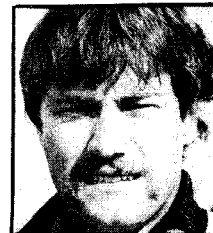
- Votes:**  
42. O'Reilly  
30. D. McLaren  
22. Toal (+2 with G. Gully)  
18. Latif, Jovanovic  
17. Taylor  
16. Faulkner (+6 with Melb Cr)  
15. R. McLaren  
14. McGorian  
13. Bain  
12. Bennett  
11. Tomkinson  
9. Richardson  
7. Costello  
3. Scerri  
2. Contini  
1. Gilder, Campell
- Goals:**  
8. Latif  
4. D. McLaren  
3. Toal, Faulkner  
2. R. McLaren  
1. Bennett, McGorian, Jovanovic, Pit

## SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH

- Votes:**  
49. Kosmina  
42. Barnes  
34. Watson  
32. Pezzano  
30. Robertson  
29. Kay  
28. Gomez  
27. O'Connor  
26. Cant  
22. Murray  
19. Lee  
17. Rodrigues  
9. Fletcher  
6. P. Falconer  
5. Clarke  
4. Boden (+8 with Syd Croatia)  
3. DeMarigny
- Goals:**  
20. Kosmina  
8. Lee  
7. Fletcher  
6. Murray, Gomez  
4. O'Connor, Barnes  
3. Kay  
2. P. Falconer, Rodrigues, Boden (+2 with Syd Cr)  
1. Foxman, Watson  
o.g. Dunleavy (Black)
- Finals goals:**  
1. Gomez, O'Connor

## SYDNEY CROATIA

- Votes:**  
44. Vidaic  
35. Savor  
34. Jurin  
27. Sterrey  
22. Clinch  
18. Arnold, Watson  
17. Kovacic  
16. Woodhouse  
11. Borges  
6. Rozic  
3. Kirwan, Drinkwater



Sydney Croatia goalkeeper Greg Woodhouse

- Goals:**  
2. Meadesm Burke  
11. Arnold  
5. Savor  
4. Jurin  
3. Vidaic  
2. Boden +2 with SC-Hak, Clinch  
1. Kovacic, Meades, Rezo, Borges, Woods  
o.g. Dunleavy (Black), Carter (Marc)

## WEST ADEL HELLAS

- Votes:**  
39. Honeyman  
34. Sproul  
25. Panagis, Manou  
23. Konstandopoulos  
20. McGachey  
19. Malavasos  
15. McGregor  
13. Hiern  
8. Papazoglou  
7. Papadopoulos  
6. Atsalas  
3. Baker
- Goals:**  
9. Konstandopoulos  
8. Panagis  
7. Malavasos  
5. Honeyman  
3. Papadopoulos  
2. Stamatiopoulos  
1. Mousoulis, Hiern, Kritikos, McGachey, Brown  
o.g. M. O'Shea (St.G)

## WOLLONGONG

- Votes:**  
40. Vlietstra  
37. Gaffney  
26. Green  
25. Bundalo  
20. Tilised  
13. Vardareff  
10. Kotamandis, Beggs  
8. Fleming, Fontana  
4. Willis, Kerr  
4. Bundalo, Fontana  
1. Farrell, Beggs, Vlietstra, Willis, Kerr



Ian Gray (right) of APIA, does battle with West Adelaide Hellas midfielder Steve Atsailas. Picture by FRANK HOBBS.

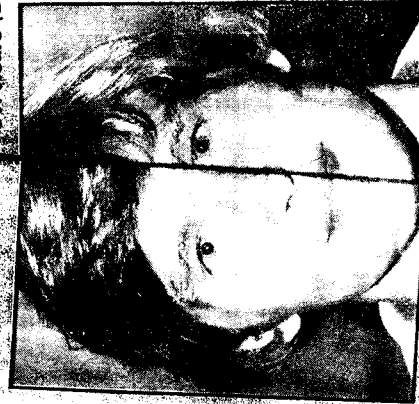
# BORAL BRICK{VIC} LTD CONGRATULATES PAUL VADE ON WINNING ITS \$1500 PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

## TEAM OF THE YEAR

This is our 1984 Team of the Year, based on votes gained in the Boral Bricks "Soccer Action" best player award. Runners-up are shown in each position.



54. Kim  
WISHART  
(Brisbane City)



68. Dave  
McINTOSH  
(Penrith)



56. Steve  
JACKSON  
(Brisbane Lions)



60. Gary  
McDOWELL  
(Footscray JUST)



52. George  
McMILLAN  
(Makedonia)

### Previous Teams of the Year:

1983: Greedy (St. Geo Budapest) — Skeen (St. G. Budap.), Yankos (H'berg-Alex), Ratcliffe (St. G. Budap.), Davidson (SM-Hellas) — Crino (SM-Hellas), Odzakov (Makedonia), P. Tredinnick (APIA) — Watson (SC-Hak), O'Connor (W'gong), Bradley (APIA).  
1982: Potter (Makedonia) — Russell (SM-Hellas), Bertogna (Wollongong), Hermiston (Brisbane Lions), Yankos (H'berg-Alex.), — Bradley (APIA), Katholos (Syd. Olympic), Illoski (Footscray JUST) — Watson (SC-Hakoah), Marton (St. Geo Budapest), O'Connor (W'gong).  
1981: Crook (W. Adel. Hellas) — McMillan (H'berg-Alex), Hermiston (Brisb. Lions), Wilson (APIA), B. Nyskohus (Ad. C. Juventus) — Senkalski (Newc. KB), Souness (SC-Hak), Katholos (Syd Olympic) — Watson (SC-Hak), Evans (SM-Hellas), Mitchell (Ad. C. Juve).  
1980: Crook (WA-Hellas) — V. Eamon (SM-Hellas), Hermiston (Brisb. Lions), Milovanovic (Can), Tansey (H'berg-Alex) — D. Cole (Can), J. Campbell (H'berg-Alex), Barnes (SC-Hak) — Watson (SC-Hak), Boden (SC-Hak), G. Campbell (SM-Hellas).  
1979: Crook (WA-Hellas) — Perry (Brisb. C.), Prkalo (Marconi), G. Potter (Brisb. C.), Curran (Newc. KB), Buljevic (H'berg-Alex), Rooney (H'berg-Alex), Jankovics (Marc) — Boden (Newc. KB), Buljevic (H'berg-Alex), Lujic (Footscray JUST).  
1978: Crook (WA-Hellas) — B. Nyskohus (AC-Juve), Perry (Brisb. C.), Kambas (WA-Hellas), Degney (Marc) — Boyle (WA-Hellas), McGachey (WA-Hellas), Vieri (Marc) — Sharne (Marc), Boden (Newc. KB), Lujic (Footscray JUST).  
1977: Crook (WA-Hellas) — Richards (Marc), Barnes (SC-Hak), Rooney (Marc) — Watson (SC-Hak), Smith (SC-Hak), Buljevic (H'berg-Alex).





**60. Josip  
BISKIC**  
(Melb Croatia)  
56. Cullen (BU-Juventus)  
60. Patikas (Syd. Olympic)



**75. Sergio  
MELTA**  
(Adel.C.Juventus)  
Gray (APIA-L'hardt)  
Katholos (Syd.)



**83. Paul  
WADE**  
(Green Gully)  
39. Barton (St.Geo Budapest)  
46. Bryant (Canberra)



**82. John  
BRADLEY**  
(APIA-L'hardt)  
46. Williams (Green Gully)  
45. P. Tredinnick (APIA-L'hardt)



**55. Charlie  
EGAN**  
(SM-Hellas)  
48. Lowe (Marconi)  
34. Jurin (Syd. Croatia)



**49. John  
KOSMINA**  
(Syd.C.Hakoah)  
Cunningham (Melb Croatia)  
Carter (Green Gully)

# BORAL BRICKS (VIC) LTD CONGRATULATES DOUG BROWN, WINNER OF THE \$1000 TOP GOALSCORER AWARD



## SCORES, LADDERS

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<b>20C MILLETTERS U20 at Wages: 1/1v</b>		Stones leads the table with 18 points,	
<b>(N. Willetts 2) Soccorres U20: 1/1v</b>		followed by Dinamo with 16 (lower goal	
<b>(I. Berkai) at Ezer Weizsal Club</b>		tally). Sportul Studenesc: 14, Asa	
In Cotrone, Tunaia beat Beas 2-0 in a		Stoic and Stoiu. The 1967-68	
World Cup African Group Two first round		Ordinul Nouorilor and FC Argus 10	
final key qualifying tie.		10 each.	
In Scotland, Aberdeen is scheduled for Tun-		<b>PORTUGAL</b>	
is on November 11.		Guimaraes 1 Benfica 4, Salmagore 0	
In Adde Akaba, Ethiopia and Kenya		0 Porto 1, Sporting 2 Belenenses 0, Be-	
dran are in the World African Group One		2nd 2 Portimuenense 2, Varzim 1, Sa-	
first round scored key qualifying tie.		4 Avellanter 1 Beira-Mar 2, S. Paulo	
Kenya qualified 5-0 on aggregate.		Ave 1, Penafiel 1 Valencia 2	
<b>SCOTLAND</b>		Porto ..... 7 0 19 2 14	
In Glasgow, Rangers 1 (Ferguson) beat		Benfica ..... 3 0 19 13 13	
Dundee United 1-0 in the Scottish League		Beira-Mar ..... 4 2 12 10 13	
Stet Cup final Edinburgh Park.		S. Paulo ..... 2 2 12 10 10	
<b>ITALY</b>		<b>HOLLAND</b>	
Atalanta 1 Napoli 0; Avellino 4 Udi-		Heerenveen 1 Mest Brede 3, PSV	
neno 1; Como 1 Lazio 0; Juventus 1		Enschede 1, Roda 1, G.A. Eagles	
Verona 1; Fiorentina 1; Inter 1;		Dovera 5 AZT 1 Albion 1, Excelsior	
Sampdoria 2 Torino 2; Varese 2 Feren-		20 Evensche 1, Noda 3 Jong 2	
<b>WEST GERMANY</b>		MVV Maastricht 2, Groningen 2	
Karlsruhe 0 Kaiserslautern 0; Bochum		1, Heracles 1, Heracles 4, Excelsior	
1 Arminia Bielefeld 1.		Nottardam 1, Feyenoord 2 Ajax	
<b>FRANCE</b>		Rouen 2, Den Haag 2 Fortuna 2	
Nantes 2 Strasbourg 2; Auxerre 1		PSV Eindhoven 2, Roda 1, Roda 1	
Marseille 1; Lille 1 Racing 1; Toulon 1		Ajax Amsterdam ..... 7 0 10-12 15	
Lyon 1; Valenciennes 1; Valenciennes 1		Volendam ..... 5 4 11-13 14	
Toulouse 1; Breist 3 Monaco 3; Tours		Feyenoord ..... 6 1 12-13 13	
4 Metz 2.		Groningen ..... 5 2 23-12 14	
<b>SPAIN</b>		<b>SWITZERLAND</b>	
Valencia 3 Hercules 0; Real Betis 1		La Chaux-de-Fonds 2 Zurich 2, Zug 0	
Sevilla 2; Elche 0 Espanol 1; Real		Luzern 1, St. Gallen 1, St. Gallen 1	
Madril 8 Sporting 3; Espanol 5 Racing 1		Luzern 3, Lucerne 2, Aarau 2, Son 2	
Valencia 1; Real Madrid 1; Real		Grasshopper Zurich 3 Neuchatel Xamax 2	
Madril 1; Barcelona 2; Malaga 2		Young Boys Bern 4 Wuestingen 0, Win-	
Real Zaragoza 0; Daxarna 1 Athletic		Basel 1.	
<b>BARCELONA</b>		Servette ..... 3 0 26 28 47	
6 2 0 16 4 12		Aarau ..... 6 4 26 26 14	
2 0 11 14 2 12		Luzern ..... 3 0 26 26 14	
Sevilla ..... 3 0 26 26 14		Neuchatel Xamax ..... 3 3 22 15 11	
Real Madrid ..... 2 2 18 10 10		La Chaux-de-Fonds ..... 3 3 22 16 11	
Adel Madrid ..... 2 2 18 10 10		Young Boys ..... 5 3 22 16 11	
Real Madrid ..... 2 2 18 10 10		<b>BELGIUM</b>	
<b>AUSTRIA</b>		Ghent 2 Lohrner 3, Weterach 1 An-	
Admira wacker 7 FC Avic 1, SC Eisen-		derlecht 1, Roter Schindler 1, Roter	
stadt 2 Lank 1, Sturm Graz 2, SSW Im-		Club Bruges 1 Wargen 2, FC Liège 2	
mmer 2 SV Ried 1, Austria 1, Austria		Beerschot 1, Antwerp 1 Carle Bruges 0	
Vienna 4, Austria Salzburg 0, Austria		Gent 1, Beveren 3, FC Liège 2	
Kloppfuerd 4 Vienna 1, Voest Lank 2 Gsk		1, Roter Schindler 1, Roter Schindler	
1, Austria 1, Austria 1, Austria 1		1, Roter Schindler 1, Roter Schindler	
Austria Vienna 1, Austria 1, Austria		1, Roter Schindler 1, Roter Schindler	



## Raskopoulos, Knight get NSW awards

**Sydney Olympic skipper Peter Raskopoulos has won the Radio Rentals Award for the NSW Soccer Player of The Year.**

The award is made annually by the Australian Soccer Press Association, NSW Division, on the votes of members of all the media.

The 1984 prize was an AWA hi-fi stereo system donated by the sponsor.

Closely following Raskopoulos in the voting was Australian captain John Kosmina of Sydney Hakoah.

In recent seasons the prize has been awarded to such worthy winners as Phil O'Connor, Joe Watson, Ian Souness and Peter Sharpe.

The NSW under-21 State League Player of The Year was won by exciting prospect Steve Knight of Auburn, with Ken Slavicki of



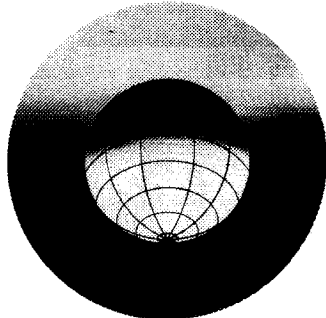
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# WADE BORAL'S BEST

Paul Wade, voted by "Soccer Action" as Australian Player of the Year for 1984, receives a \$1500 cheque from Mr. Percy Borg of Boral Bricks, sponsors of the award.

The presentation was made at Green Gully's awards night at the San Remo Ballroom at Carlton on Saturday.

Wade also was voted Green Gully's Player of the Year. Garry Maxwell received a trophy as the club's best youth player, Paul Lewis was top scorer and a special encouragement award was handed to Peter Kadlicek.



Craig Mackenzie

# WAS KOLARIC TRIPPE?

**POLONIA 5** (Gilder 12th, 52nd, 73rd, Mitten 16th, penalty 89th) **THOMASTOWN 4** (Lakic 15th, 48th, 58th, B. Coyle 39th). Dockerty Cup semi-final at Olympic Park No. 1, Sunday. First game of a double header. Crowd about 1000. Cautions: Dallas (T), Gardiner (P). Referee: Evan Venios 7.

**POLONIA:** Fryzyski 5 — Liparski 5, Gardiner 4, McCuskey 6, Gibson 7 — Mitten 8, Tront 6, G. Czapiak 5 (Petrov 65th), Kolaric 6 — Gilder 8, Przybyla 6 (inj. Smolarek H.T. 6). Coach: John Gardiner.

**THOMASTOWN:** Raponi 5 — DiBerardino 7, Acaszi 8, Cosentino 7, Constantinou 7 — DiMartino 8, Comer 8 (Watters 53rd), Dallas 7, B. Coyle 8 — Lakic 9, Fragale 7. Coach: Joe Wilson.

If this is any indication of how Thomastown will play next season, then the Victorian State League competition will receive a tremendous shot in the arm for Thomastown turned it on here and proved beyond all doubt that its 2-1 Dockerty Cup quarter-final win over State League champ Morwell was no flash in the pan.

After 89 minutes of absorbing end-to-end soccer that had most fans' heads moving from side to side as if watching a tennis match, it took a hotly disputed penalty to settle the issue. Even then, Mitten didn't place his penalty well and although Thomastown goalkeeper Mauro Raponi guessed right and got a hand to the ball he just failed to stop it going in.

It was the climax to a spectacle that would have done justice to an audience in excess of 10,000, let alone the small crowd in attendance.

Thomastown hinted at what was to come in the opening 10 minutes when a well-struck ball from the left flashed just wide of the near post and stopper Danny McCuskey was forced to head over his own bar after Brian Coyle had headed DiBerardino's far post cross.

At the other end, after pushing a defender out of the way, a Mitten header struck the bar. It was the first of three occasions when the Thomastown bar defied Polonia.

Polonia hit the front in the 12th minute. Mitten surged past Nick Constantinou on the right and sent the ball back. Lakic, who had hit a first timer from 10 metres and Raponi only could parry to Nick Kolaric whose overhead kick gave Gilder a simple header from three metres out.

Three minutes later Lakic, playing against his old side, got the equaliser. A superb strike from Frank Dallas picked Lakic out, wide on the left. Lakic surged past Rick Liparski and inside then struck a low shot from 12 metres past Mike Fryzyski.

A minute later, Polonia was back in front.

Mitten was fouled after making a fine run down the right. Przybyla took the free kick and sent it to the near post where Mitten headed in.

Surely Thomastown would accept its fate now. Didn't it realise that it was a Metro League playing against one of the best State League sides?

Not so. Thomastown kept surging forward. A cracking 30 metre drive from sweeper Danny Acaszi forced Fryzyski into a spectacular fingertip save in the 24th minute, then Frank Dallas' superb chip into the path of Lakic in the 28th minute looked certain to provide the equaliser but Lakic shot wide from 12 metres with Fryzyski beaten.

Thomastown finally hit back in the 39th minute and what a gem of a goal it was from B. Coyle. He crossed the ball into his own half and motored forward. He dummed to knock the ball wide down the left, then kept going and no Polonia player could stop him. Once inside the Polonia area, he unleashed a low shot which beat Fryzyski and went in at the near post. It was 2-2 and all in a game.

But Polonia stormed back. Przybyla should have given it the lead two minutes before half time. Mitten's deep far post cross from the right was knocked back across the face of the Thomastown goal by Kolaric and Przybyla, with ample time, struck the ball onto the bar from just seven metres out.

Polonia re-organised during the interval. Przybyla came off and Smolarek came on. Smolarek went to left back, Gibson went to centre midfield, Czapiak went wide on the right hand side of midfield and Mitten moved up front alongside Gilder.

Three minutes into the second half, Thomastown took the lead for the first time. Nick Constantinou struck the ball past advancing Fryzyski and the incoming Lakic thumped it into the open goal to make it 3-2.

Polonia equalised in the 52nd minute and it was due to Mitten's tremendous competitiveness.

Mitten charged past a defender but knocked the ball too far forward. He kept going and robbed the man in possession, turned around the ball and struck it into the goal.

Six minutes later Thomastown was back in front after a dreadful piece of judgement by Fryzyski. Gibson tried to head back to the Polonia goalkeeper but didn't head the ball firmly enough. Fryzyski charged off his line with no chance of reaching the ball in time. McCuskey was the way back and Lakic hit the bar. Fragale went in check. Over the top of McCuskey came Fryzyski and his poor attempt to punch clear allowed Lakic to slam home his third and make it 4-3.

Tony Cosentino cleared a Mitten shot off the line in the 65th minute but there was no stopping Gilder in the 73rd minute.

McCuskey slipped the ball wide to Liparski on the right. His far post cross was headed back by Mitten and headed in by Gilder. Simple and effective but stunningly executed.

Gibson's chip beat Raponi in the 79th minute only to strike the bar and the ball was cleared before the incoming Mitten could make contact.

The decisive moment came in the 89th minute. Kolaric played a one-two with Gilder then made a strong run into the Thomastown area. He went down and Polonia appeals for a penalty were headed by referee Evan Venios. The Thomastown players and the Thomastown bench didn't think that it was penalty but we'll never ever know whether or not Kolaric was tripped. Mitten converted, but boy, was Raponi unlucky not to save and take this tremendous clash into extra time.

# TOP FOUR FINALS SATURDAY

Second Division club Mornington was the only Metro outfit with a 100 percent record at the end of the round robin series in the VSF's Centenary Top Four competition and is favorite to take out the Second Division final against Sandringham at Langama Park, Sunbury this Saturday.

Hamlyn Rangers continued its surprisingly poor showing when it was thumped 3-0 by Royal Richmond in Third Division but the result had no bearing on this week's final for Yallourn and Essendon are the qualifiers in that league.

They'll meet at Kim Reserve, Altona in the second match of a double header which kicks off with the big Greek clash between Yarraville and Clifton Hill to decide the Top Four champ from Fourth Division.

Here are last week's results and final standings:

## DIVISION ONE

Results: Thomastown 4 Springvale City 3; North Dandenong 0 Melbourne 0.

Final Standings	W	L	D	Pts
Melbourne	2	1	0	2
Thomastown	2	1	0	4
Springvale City	0	1	2	1

This Saturday, at Langama Park:

Melbourne v Thomastown, second match of a double header.

## DIVISION TWO

Results: South Oakleigh 0 Sandringham 0; Mornington 2 Clifton Hill City 0.

Final Standings	W	L	D	Pts
Mornington	3	0	0	6
Sandringham	1	1	0	3
S. Oakleigh	0	2	1	2
Clifton Hill	0	1	2	1

Final, this Saturday, at Langama Park: Mornington v Sandringham at 1pm, first match of a double header.

## DIVISION THREE

Results: Yallourn 2 Essendon Triestina 1; Hamlyn Rangers 0 Royal Richmond 3.

Final Standings	W	L	D	Pts
Yallourn	2	1	0	5
E. Triestina	1	1	1	3
Royal Rich.	1	1	1	4
Hamlyn Rang.	0	2	1	1

Final, this Saturday, at Kim Reserve:

Yarraville v Clifton Hill at 1pm, first match of a double header.

## DIVISION FOUR

Results: Yarraville 5 Springvale City 2; Clifton Hill 2 East Brunswick 1.

Final Standings	W	L	D	Pts
Yarraville	2	0	0	4
Cl. Hill	1	2	0	2
Springvale City	1	1	1	3
E. Brunswick	0	2	1	1

Final, this Saturday, at Kim Reserve: Yarraville v Clifton Hill at 1pm, first match of a double header.

**Polonia and Fawknor get their final chances to snatch some glory from the 1984 season when they clash at about 3 pm on Sunday in the final of the Dockerty Cup at Olympic Park No. 1.**

The curtain raiser is the Armstrong Cup Final between Fawknor and Box Hill at 1pm.

This Dockerty Cup final looks like being a battle between the respective forward lines for both sides have deficiencies at the back.

Fawknor's strike force of Joe Palinkas, Ian Tuffield and Neil Garvey is in great form. So too are Po-

lonia strikers Noel Mitten and Carl Gilder, however leading Polonia scorer Janusz Przybyla is plagued by injury which may affect his contribution here.

Przybyla labored in the first half of last weekend's semi against Thomastown and was replaced at the interval.

The aerial duel between Tuffield and Polonia stopper Danny McCuskey will play a big part in deciding this final for most Fawknor forward moves end with crosses to the far post where Tuffield lurks constantly.

And the main source of supply of these crosses is former Footscray J.U.S.T. and Brisbane City winger, Palinkas, who gave a commanding display against

Western Suburbs in last weekend's semi.

Palinkas switches wings a lot but spends most of his time on the right which means that he'll mainly confront Polonia left back Mirek Smolarek, who is one of the most underrated defenders in State League. But judging by the way Palinkas responded to the wide open spaces of Olympic Park's main ground last Sunday, Smolarek will have his hands full in trying to contain the Fawknor winger.

I've gone on record many, many times as being a big fan of Polonia player-coach John Gardiner, certainly one of the finest players I've seen in Australian soccer in my five years of reporting.

However Gardiner made the least contribution to any game I've seen him in during last Sunday's semi. Maybe he shouldn't have played, for he was injured the previous week in Polonia's quarter-final win against Box Hill. A fit Gardiner is vital to Polonia's chances here. A fit Gardiner is capable of masterminding a Polonia victory. Fawknor is chasing its first ever Dockerty Cup win. Polonia won the Dockerty Cup in 1961.

# Last chance at glory for Fawknor, Polonia

# Palinkas, Tuffield too good for Suburbs

**FAWKNER 4** (G. Bannon 45th, 68th, Garvey 32nd, Macleod 42nd) **WESTERN SUBURBS 1** (Lazopoulos 27th). Dockerty Cup semi-final at Olympic Park No. 1, Sunday. Second game of a double header. Crowd: about 1,000. Cautions: Fattore (F), Kakantonis (WS). Referee: Peter Matsoski 6.

**FAWKNER:** Terzini 7 — Giacinto 6, Fattore 7, Macleod 7, Hobson 6 — Bannon 8, Boyle 7, Angelo 7 — Palinkas 8 (inj. Lia 80th), Tuffield 8 (C. Della 82nd), Garvey 7. Coach: Billy Milne (Lazopoulos).

**WESTERN SUBURBS:**

Tachiris 7 — Matheou 6, Howe 7, Dimovski 7, Hamill 7.

Kakantonis 7, K. Coyle 7, Muscat 6 — Lazopoulos 8 (inj. DiBerardino 84th), Stevenson 7 (inj. Ougrinis 68th), Filippis 6. Coach: Jim Conditis.

Ian Tuffield's heading ability and the skill, running power and crossing ability of Joe Palinkas out-gunned Western Suburbs 4-1 and took Fawknor into the Dockerty Cup final.

Suburbs struck in the 27th minute.

A superb chip by Stenson sent Alex Filippis clear down the left and his cross was headed in by unmarked Lazopoulos from four metres out.

Fawknor hit back in the 32nd

minute with a well engineered goal. Peter Boyle won the ball in midfield and played it to Palinkas down the left. In a flash, Palinkas had turned past Sam Matheou and his far post cross was headed down by Tuffield to Neil Garvey whose first timer gave Suburbs goalkeeper "Rocky" Tachiris no chance.

It was just as well that Fawknor coach Gus Macleod wasn't at the game to see Rob Terzini decide that when confronted by a high ball he'd punch clear every time. Even when there wasn't another player within 10 metres! Macleod was recovering in Brighton Community Hospital following a nose operation.

His assistant coach, Billy Milne took charge and no doubt his heart was in his mouth whenever crosses tempted Terzini to come off his line. By the same token, Terzini made a couple of great saves in the last 20 minutes.

Fawknor scored what looked like a fine goal in the 88th minute but referee Peter Matsoski, heading the signal from his linesman, ruled that Garvey was offside when he headed in following another Tuffield header at the far post.

But when Fawknor finally hit the front, referee Matsoski didn't see a glaring infringement on Tachiris from Fawknor right back Michael Giacinto.

Frank Macleod's header at the far post in the 42nd minute looked like it was destined for Tachiris's hands until Giacinto

bodychecked the Suburbs goalkeeper right on the goal line. Giacinto's action was blatant. Nevertheless, the goal stood.

And right on half time, Fawknor went further ahead after the Suburbs defence ineffectively cleared from a corner situation. In charged G. Bannon to smack the ball home from about 10 metres.

Fawknor coasted in the second half and Suburbs were unable to bridge the two-goal gap.

That gap widened in the 68th minute after a mistake by Peter Muscat.

Palinkas, in fine form, made a good run down the right, and crossed to the far post. Again, Tuffield was there. He headed and Muscat missed what should have been a simple clearance.

Bannon's first timer sent the ball past Tachiris and inside the near post to make it 4-1.

A superb first time drive by Steve Kakantonis in the 70th minute forced Terzini to get down quickly and save at his near post and three minutes later, Terzini reacted in style to parry a Steve Dimovski shot from 10 metres.

The highlight of the final moments came in the 88th minute. Suburbs substitute Di-mitrios Ougrinis, who had come on for injured G. Stenson in the 68th minute, took a corner on the left. Ougrinis tried to play the ball short to a team-mate but knocked it out for a throw-in to Fawknor.

I'd never seen anyone do that before.

# Croydon takes Leader Cup

**CROYDON 2** (Loughane 39th, Irvine 79th) **KNOX CITY 1** (Wild 24th). Leader Cup final at Jubilee Park, Ringwood.

**CROYDON:** Kastner, Brown, Singleton, Bates, Brewerton, Irvine, Loughane, French, Griffiths, Killey. Coach: Peter Orlerton.

**KNOX:** Brian, Stoffels, Bis-singer, Murray, Byrne, Wild, Lesbini, Owen, Healy, Hawthorn, Kojic. Coach: Eric Lesbini.

A goal in the last minute of each half was enough to give Croydon a win against Knox City in the Leader Cup final played at floodlit Jubilee Park last week.

Knox went ahead in the 24th minute after Martin Wild finished a good move started well within the Knox half. A diagonal ball was played along the left wing where Milan Kojic collected then crossed to the far post where Wild converted.

Croydon levelled a minute from the break when Ian

Loughane got the final touch in a scramble close to goal.

Knox had done well to go ahead and take the game up to Croydon without having Gpeg House in its line-up. House was absent, having recently been married.

His loss blunted Knox's ability to penetrate and Knox failed to mount a serious second half threat. Croydon, however, must have been embarrassed by its many missed opportunities.

Peter Killey had the best of these when he controlled a ball at the edge of the six yard box, measured his shot at the un-guarded goal, then put the ball well over the bar.

With extra-time add-on, Steve Irvine drilled a low shot through the forest of legs. Robert Brian partly slowed down the ball, but not enough to prevent it crossing the line and giving Croydon the inaugural Leader Cup.

# Beaten Fawknor in final!

Fawknor lost 2-0 to Metro Second Division outfit Dandenong City in the Armstrong Cup semi-finals two weeks ago but at 1pm this Sunday Fawknor will face Box Hill in the Armstrong Cup final at Olympic Park No. 1.

Fawknor protested successfully against its loss to Dandenong City.

Dandenong City never entered this year's Dockerty Cup because its entry form was lodged too late and according to Armstrong Cup rules, clubs competing have to also compete in the Dockerty Cup.

Well, that's what Soccer House told me last Friday. It seems a curious rule, though, doesn't it? Surely clubs should have the right to enter any Cup competition they wish. Surely they also should have the right not to enter.

They certainly play it tough down Fawknor way but spare a thought for the Dandenong City lads. After all, they won their semi fair and square.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

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# Greek rebuff for 'Roos, but PSV says yes

The Soccerroos will play against PSV Eindhoven, not Ajax Amsterdam, on the Dutch leg of their world tour which starts on November 1, and they have failed to secure matches in Greece.

A match against England B, which had been set down for December 5, now has been called off.

The last match of the tour will be against Tottenham Hotspur on December 9.

The match against Eindhoven will be on November 22.

The Soccerroos had hoped to play against

Greek club Iraklis, which visited Australia in June, but Iraklis refused the match.

However, the Australians will play in Italy against Fiorentina and Udinese, as well as two or three other clubs yet to be announced.

Four games against Nottingham Forest and Glasgow Rangers were secured as part of the deal which brought the clubs to Australia last May and June.

The tour starts with four matches in China on Nov. 3, 5, 7 and 10.

China has been invited to play the return Ampol Cup fixture in Australia in early February.

This would be part of China's World Cup preparations for matches in late February

against Hong Kong, Macau and Brunel, which it is expected to win handsomely.

The Soccerroos will continue their World Cup preparations in early January with a camp at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra under the Federal Government's Elite Athletes' scheme.

At that stage the Oceania/Israel 1985 World Youth Cup elimination series intervenes.

New Zealand, Israel, Chinese Taipei, Papua New Guinea, Fiji and Australia will compete in Sydney in a round robin to decide a place in the final series in Chile next October.

The ASF expects to announce further details of the tournament following Saturday's annual and executive meetings in Sydney.

"There is no doubt that our concentrating on improving Australian youth players over recent seasons has proved highly beneficial," ASF secretary Brian Emery said.

"We have identified no less than 27 National League players who are still eligible for the coming World Youth Cup games.

"Some of the likely players are getting experience in the Merlion Cup in Singapore at present.

"If the Joao Havelange tournament takes place in January in Mexico we will be entering, to enable us to round off our preparations."

The senior national squad will have four matches here in July, which will lead up to the first World Cup elimination clash against New Zealand in Auckland on September 21.

## It's Vignola, Rossi, Cerezo and Pruzzo

**TURIN:** Italian champion Juventus turned on a sustained display of attacking soccer last week to overwhelm Grasshopper Zurich of Switzerland and earn a 2-0 win in their European Cup second round match here.

Juventus, among the favourites for the European Cup this season, put the result beyond much doubt with two brilliantly-executed goals by Beniamino Vignola and Paolo Rossi within a minute, midway through the first half.

But despite the satisfaction of an early lead, Juventus continued to put pressure on the spirited Zurich side after the interval when star forwards Michel Platini and Rossi were unlucky not to find their mark.

Grasshopper always looked dangerous on the break and made chances from which Detlef Lauscher came close to scoring twice in the dying minutes.

In Rome, brave Wrexham, which sensationally knocked beaten finalist Porto out in the first round, could not stop Roma storming to a 2-0 first leg win in the second round of the Cup Winners' Cup.

But the little Welsh team, 84th of the 92 sides in the English League, left Italy with its head held high after avoiding a heavier defeat and creating a few chances of its own.

Amid the roar of a 35,000 crowd at the Olympic Stadium, Wrexham, which brought about 50 fans with it, proved a worthy opponent.

Roma's first goal after 36

minutes was a gift from the Welsh defenders. Striker Roberto Pruzzo was pushed as players from both teams went for a high corner from Bruno Conti.

Hungarian referee Laszlo Padar awarded a penalty which Pauzo converted with a low shot beyond the reach of goalkeeper Stuart Parker.

Minutes earlier, Pruzzo had sent a header straight at Parker and seen the keeper, who had recovered from a shoulder injury to play, save it.

Roma opened the second half in determined fashion and was rewarded with a 50th minute goal by Brazilian midfielder Toninho Cerezo.

The move began with striker Maurizio Iorio, who beat two Wrexham defenders on the edge of the area, before passing to Odoacer Chierico.

Chierico, brought on for the injured Aldo Maldini after 24 minutes, chipped the ball back to Cerezo who sent a crashing right-footed drive past Parker.

In Liverpool, Ian Rush returned to the European stage to coach a dramatic hat-trick — just when it seemed an impressive Benfica team was about to lower the curtain on Liverpool's bid to retain the European Cup.

It struggled to break down a well-organised Portuguese defence and managed just two headers to test goalkeeper

### CHAMPIONS CUP

Dynamo Berlin (E. Germany) 3 Austria Vienna (Austria) 3; Levski Spartak (Bulgaria) 3 Dnepropetrovsk (USSR) 1; Panathinaikos (Greece) 2 Linfield (N. Ireland) 1; Sparta Prague (Czech) 0 Lyngby Boldklub (Denmark) 0; Liverpool (England) 2 Benfica (Portugal) 1; Bordeaux (France) 1 Dynamo Bucharest (Romania) 0; IFK Gothenburg (Sweden) 1 Beeren (Belgium) 0; Juventus (Italy) 2 Grasshoppers Zurich (Switzerland) 0.

Second Leg matches to be played Wednesday, November 7.

### CUP WINNERS' CUP

Dynamo Dresden (E. Germany) 3 FC Metz (France) 1; Fortuna Sittard (Netherlands) 2 Wisla Krakow (Poland) 0; Inter Bratislava (Czech) 0 Everton (England) 1; Dynamo Moscow (USSR) 5 Hibernia Spartans (Wales) 0; Bayern Munich (W. Germany) 4 Trakia Plovdiv (Bulgaria) 1; AS Roma (Italy) 2 Wrexham (Wales) 0; Rapid Vienna (Austria) 3 Celtic (Scotland) 1; Larissa (Greece) 2 Servette Geneva (Switzerland) 1.

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### UEFA CUP

Queen's Park Rangers (England) 6 Partizan Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 2; Inter Milan (Italy) 2 Glasgow Rangers (Scotland) 0; Standard Liege (Belgium) 0 FC Cologne (W. Germany) 2; Lokomotiv Leipzig (E. Germany) 1; Spartak Moscow (USSR) 1; FC Bruges (Belgium) 2; Tottenham Hotspur (England) 1; Ajax Amsterdam (Netherlands) 1; Bechemians Prague (Czech) 0; Rijeka (Yugoslavia) 3 Real Madrid (Spain) 1; Paris St. Germain (France) 2; Vitoria Setubal (Portugal) 0; Borussia Moenchengladbach (W. Germany) 3; Widzew Lodz (Poland) 2; Linz ASK (Austria) 1; Dundee United (Scotland) 2; PSV Eindhoven (Netherlands) 0; Manchester United (England) 0; Zetelshor Sarajevo (Yugoslavia) 2; Sion (Switzerland) 1; Universitatea Craiova (Romania) 0; Olympiakos (Greece) 0; Fiorentina (Italy) 1; Anderlecht (Belgium) 1; Ajax Hamburg (W. Germany) 4; CSKA Sofia (Bulgaria) 0; Sporting Lissabon (Portugal) 2; Dynamo Minsk (USSR) 0.

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## Coaching scheme not be-all and end-all

By TONY VRZINA  
Melbourne Croatia coach

Victorian Director of Coaching, Tim White, is a relatively young man, so I must point out to him that we had good soccer games, top players, some of them world-class — good soccer coaches and coaching courses before the era of the national coaching scheme and men like Eric Worthington, Tim White, John Gardiner, Ron Smith and Len McKendry.

I say this is response to an article in last week's "Soccer Action," in which Tim White said that people like myself, Jimmy Condilis, Frank Macleer and Peter Ollerton should go on locally-organised coaching courses.

The prevailing thinking that nobody can play or coach or even watch soccer properly without having come through the national coaching scheme, is very wrong and we may wake up only when it's too late.

Crowds came in their tens of thousands every week to see players like Vic Janczyk, Eddie Zientek, Willie Schraaf, Ted Kraus, Tommy Stankovic, the Ninas brothers, Leo Baumgartner and Con Nestoridis, and coaches like Joe Vlasits, Joe Venglos, Rale Rasic, Manny Poulakakis, John Margaritis and many others.

Our directors of coaching appear to think that people like me and others who have not gone through the national coaching scheme, should not be coaching top teams.

I would retort by saying that I would not learn more from Mr. White or other local coaches than I did from former FIFA coach Detmar Cramer when he was here giving courses in the early seventies.

I completed my preliminary coaching course in the late sixties and attended senior courses held by Mr. Cramer (many people still think the ASF made its biggest mistake in not appointing him as our director of coaching). I also attended Eric Worthington's first course, but left after Eric left the course for South America to watch Chile, one of our opponents in the 1974 World Cup.

From then on I attended every session held by every visiting coaching authority, to search for greater knowledge. One example was German coach Karl-Heinz Heddergott, and another Professor Mazzei, the Brazilian who coached the New York Cosmos. I did not see many of the present coaching elite at those sessions.

Perhaps they were afraid that they would discover there are different methods of coaching overseas today.

Perhaps that's why some of the local coaches labelled Heddergott's demonstrations as "rubbish". Perhaps that's why they label the coaching of Rasic, Orkovic, Vrzina and other "outsiders" the same way.

There are groups of players who will not accept even that the ball is round, yet we achieved great success at Croatia nevertheless. Last year in State League, Croatia finished second. This year, in the National Conference of the NSL, we finished third and we were unlucky not to reach the grand final. Yet White compared my results with Northcote last year, with those of Croatia to indicate that last year's Croatia coach was more successful than me.

I do coach differently, and I tell my players as much as our first meeting. Modern coaching is coaching "in the game". That's how it's done in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. The emphasis is on skill and greater ability to think, rather than to ask players to stick to a pattern. Players must adapt to ever-changing situations. Nobody could teach Beckenbauer what he knows. He was born with it, and so it is with our own Oscar Crispien.

Yet Ron Greenwood was asked by John Gardiner to admit that Glen Hoddle had been Greenwood's biggest boo-boo. I was embarrassed. Greenwood was shocked and answered that he would not call it a boo-boo, as he still thought Hoddle was a special breed of player but yet, he had been disappointing because he had not succeeded in becoming a great national team player.

After that, should we presume that even Glen Hoddle would not fit into our game, as he can't pressure opponents? That is what I think is wrong with the present system of coaching. First they teach players to pressure opponents, and stop them from playing, rather than teaching them to play first, as the rest then would come naturally.

### NZ Sportsfest

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FIFA coach Detmar Cramer running a coaching course in Melbourne in 1970. The group of coaches includes: Rudi van Alkema, Tony Boadi, Rale Rasic, Ollie Norris, Ken Kontra, Paddy Sloan and Tony.





# 14-team NSL in 1986?

The possibility of restoring the Halcyon days of the National Soccer League was the main topic at the Australian Soccer Federation Annual meeting in Sydney on Saturday.

Recommendations were made to reduce the competition from 24 to 14 teams, but not until the 1986 season. For next season, the competition will consist of a 12-team South Division involving Melbourne, Adelaide and Brisbane, and a similar North Division including NSW and ACT clubs.

But there has been a strong

recommendation to limit the league in the 1986 season to seven NSW clubs, five from Victoria and one each from Queensland and South Australia.

NSL chairman Sam Pappasavas said he was confident only the best teams would be competing in the abridged league by 1986.

Filling in the details, vice-president Tony Labbozetta said only clubs with a strong crowd base, proper stadium and outstanding revenue-producing ability should be included.

This would mean a re-examination of club standards with the aim of attracting back the big crowds of the late 70's and early 80's.

Labbozetta said regionalism as such had failed to some degree, and

that strength of the clubs rather than potential would have to be strictly applied.

Long standing ASF President Sir Arthur George said success for the NSL was the area most in need of improvement.

"It is essential that we have a successful league and the problem is to find a competition for that that is completely viable," he said.

"Most agree on the goal. If any disagree they must have the courage to put up a motion to wind up the NSL."

"I have an open mind as to which form the League should take. If it goes to 14 teams in 1986 then some clubs will get hurt."

"There is no perfect answer but it is up to us to come up with the best solution."

Under the present plan teams rejected by the National League would revert to their respective State League competitions.

NSL General Manager Steve Kamasz said the aim was to bring top State League teams into the 1985 NSL Cup, which would be conducted early in the season.

Sir Arthur said Australia's situation could have some similarities to the predicted 1985-86 position of the English Football League.

This week we have been talking to Arsenal director Sir David Hill Wood, who is Australia's representative on the English Football Association," he said.

"He reports that there will be a big move in England to bring up two major drawing clubs from second division and then reduce the first

division by eight clubs.

"It seems England is ready to acknowledge the clubs who bring the support and have grounds of the highest standards."

There will however, be some resistance to decreasing league membership on the local scene.

"We have used 1984 to clear up our affairs and are looking forward to becoming a force in the NFL again," said Wollongong City chairman Laurie Kelly.

"I hope to see teams such as Wollongong, Newcastle and Canberra retaining their places."

Queensland's Ian Brusasco retained his post as senior vice-president while Victoria's Michael Weinstein replaced Western Australia's Joe Lacerenza the other vice-president position.

## Altro anno storico per la Juve

# VIVA ITALIA!

with ROCKY DI ZIO

Con la vittoria del South Melbourne Hellas sul Sydney Olympic, nella finalissima del campionato australiano di calcio a sceso il sipario sulla stagione 1984 della massima competizione calcistica australiana.

Il prossimo anno il campionato di Lega Nazionale sarà praticamente uguale a quello di quest'anno, cioè due gironi di 12 squadre ciascuno, mentre per il 1986 è già stato deciso che il numero delle squadre sarà ridotto a 14 secondo una formula che deve essere ancora finalizzata.

Qualsiasi sia il meccanismo della riduzione da 24 a 14 squadre, è scontato che dieci delle compagini militanti nel massimo campionato dovranno fare i bagli di scendere ad una divisione inferiore che probabilmente sarà la Lega Statale dei rispettivi Stati di appartenenza.

Si tratterà perciò, il prossimo anno, di un campionato a 24 squadre con ben dieci retrocessioni! Quindi la lotta per la salvezza sarà un fenomeno generale che coinvolgerà un po' tutti e che dovrebbe precludere perciò faville ad ogni turno.

Ovviamente nessuna delle 24 squadre sarà rassegnata in partenza a fare il salto all'inghi' quindi è prevedibile un febbrile precampionato per accaparrarsi tecnici e giocatori capaci di dare i risultati positivi per assicurarsi la per-

manenza nella massima divisione.

Delle tre squadre italiane che vanno per la maggiore (APIA, Marconi e Juventus di Melbourne) le due di Sydney possono considerarsi in una posizione privilegiata poiché sono da anni realtà consistenti della scena nazionale calcistica con apparati amministrativi provati e con un parco giocatori imponente.

La Juventus di Melbourne, essendo una "novizia" del massimo campionato dovrà necessariamente fare un ulteriore sforzo per raggiungere un livello amministrativo-tecnico che le dia una certa tranquillità di essere fra le 14 prescelte alla fine del campionato 1985.

Ad onor dei veri bianconeri di Melbourne hanno sorpreso favorevolmente in questo loro primo anno in Lega Nazionale. Agli ottimi risultati in campo che le hanno consentito di piazzarsi al quinto posto (dopo aver battuto almeno una volta tutte le squadre finite nelle prime quattro posizioni) ha fatto riscontro una prestazione

addirittura migliore in campo amministrativo.

Continuando la meteorica ripresa iniziata l'anno scorso sotto la presidenza di Sam Manenti, il comitato presieduto dall'avv. Vince Verduci è formato da quasi tutti i membri dell'anno precedente, ha ulteriormente migliorato l'assetto amministrativo e finanziario del club tanto che oggi la Juventus è considerata una delle squadre meglio amministrate del campionato nazionale.

Anche se il bilancio consuntivo per l'anno 1984 non è ancora pronto, sembra che il club abbia fatto un ulteriore passo decisivo nell'ammortizzare l'enorme deficit ereditato alla fine della stagione 1984. Unico neo che rimane è la vertenza con l'ex presidente Giorgio Penzo, che comunque potrebbe essere risolta una volta per tutte nel prossimo futuro.

A questo proposito è bene far notare che se la vertenza non ha raggiunto una situazione di aperta ostilità, lo si deve in gran parte alla comprensione ed al vero "spirito di

bandiera" che ha sempre animato Giorgio Penzo che, memore delle difficoltà che hanno attanagliato il club per tanti anni, ha assunto un atteggiamento molto accomodante e paziente con la speranza che il comitato in carica potesse risolvere le condizioni della Juventus senza ulteriori pressioni da parte sua e che una volta risanata la parte peggiore della situazione, responsabili del club si fossero ricordati anche di lui.

Nonostante molta gente con la memoria corta vorrebbe ignorare il "caso Penzo", ci teniamo a precisare ancora una volta che l'ex presidente ha sacrosanto diritto ad una restituzione di ingenti somme che egli preste al club durante la sua presidenza (da non confondere con altri soldi che egli, come tutti gli ex presidenti e molti degli ex dirigenti del club, ha messi nel club a fondo perduto per mandare avanti la baracca nei momenti più difficili). Vogliamo augurarci che gli attuali dirigenti della Juventus apprezzino la pazienza e la comprensione di Penzo e di premurosi di rendergli almeno parziale giustizia non appena le condizioni lo permetteranno.

Il fatto che comunque la verena storia negli ultimi mesi della Juventus si è verificata martedì 23 ottobre, quando il presidente Verduci e il sindaco di Brunswick, Bob White, hanno apposto le loro firme ai documenti per l'affitto del terreno sul quale sorgeva il campo e la sede del club. Finalmente, dopo 37 anni di peregrinare da un campo al-

l'altro, la Juventus ha fatto il primo passo concreto verso la creazione di una sua base ed ha già sborsato la ragguarievole somma di \$50,000! Anche se i negoziati con il Comune di Brunswick iniziarono nel 1979, all'inizio della gestione Penzo, e sono continuati durante le presidenze di Bernie Santarmaria e di Sam Manenti, è innegabile che l'attuale presidente Vince Verduci ha il grande merito di averli condotti felicemente in porto. Per anni si era discusso e si era parlato in termini molto vaghi e generici, ma le difficoltà vere e proprie di ordine amministrativo, politico e finanziario sono state però affrontate e risolte negli ultimi dodici mesi grazie appunto al grande impegno, serietà, tenacia ed esperienza del presidente Verduci, naturalmente ben spalleggiato dal suo comitato.

## Brooking for S.A.

English international, Trevor Brooking will play two games in Adelaide next month as a guest of 1st Division Rotmans League Club, Penn Hills, who are organising a local Nations Cup contest.

Brooking will naturally play for the English team and will receive a reported \$15,000 for his two weeks stay. This will also include various guest speaking engagements and coaching clinics.

## Falconer, Murray, Cant to go?

By PETER SCOTT

Several senior squad players on the books of Sydney Hakoah will be put on the transfer market prior to the 1985 season.

The announcement was made at a meeting of club members last week, when the year which just has ended was evaluated and plans made for next season.

Although no official announcement has been made it would not surprise if Scottish winger Willie Murray and young defender Keith Falconer were among those whose services were no longer required.

Such a development in Falconer's case would put a question mark over the future of his younger brother Peter who managed to become a regular in the Hakoah midfield towards the latter part of the campaign just ended. He is held in high regard by coach Eddie Thomson, who predicted that Peter would succeed Joe Watson as the team's midfield maestro within the next couple of seasons.

Another possible — and surprising — departure may be ailing goalkeeper Jim Cant, a resident of Canberra.

The reason for the planned transfers lies in the \$275,000 deficit run up by the club in its operations this season. This is a substantial increase on the slightly over \$200,000 loss incurred in 1983.

The members last week unanimously voted to budget for a loss no greater than \$250,000 in 1985, depending on unforeseeable circumstances.

Even the success of unearthing a number of highly talented young players, such as Gerardo Gomez, Jean Paul de

is likely to cost dearly, as all are tipped to command much larger retainers in future than they have up to now.

soccer club president Sam Fisman also blamed soccer's general malaise for the shortfall, as attendances generally — not just with Hakoah — have fallen again. He also told the meeting that instead of the \$18,000 share Hakoah is entitled to from the recent play-off series, the NSL only forwarded "Credit Notes" to the participating clubs.

Fisman stated that no real movement in soccer's situation is likely to be forthcoming until what he described as the incompetent NSL administration is completely revamped.

In the meantime, the Hakoah club will continue to field teams in keeping with its tradition as Australian soccer's most successful outfit. "But, unfortunately, our influence on the present administration is thinning seems to be nil", Fisman admitted.

As a measure of Sydney City's status it was highlighted that John Kosmina, Watson, Alex Robertson, Tony Pezzano, and Steve O'Connor all made the Soccer's travelling squad. Gomez is on standby. Cant only missed just because of a nagging injury, Eddie Thomson is assistant to coach Frank Arok and Hakoah Vice-president Andrew Lederer is Soccer's Team Manager.

A change back to the club's traditional Hakoah tag from the current Sydney City foisted on it by the NSL also was considered by the membership, with Hakoah president Frank Arok opposing the proposal at this time.

desirable to "cushion" the highly successful Hakoah licensed social club from the

Hakoah in 1985 will employ a panel of six youth coaches, following recent successful trials in all age groups from 13 years up. The club also has been active on its books in every area of Sydney, constantly scouring the junior ranks for new talent, ensuring that the steady flow of youngsters into the senior ranks, so much a feature of Hakoah activities in the seventies and eighties — will further accelerate.

Instead, I have decided to go public, and issue copies of this letter to some members of the soccer press. The only result I want is that you stop making any prejudicial comment based on hearsay or bias about my professional standing.

I want you and others to judge me as a player and a man by what I do on and off the field. Your public comments can only come from a closed mind. People with closed minds should make a habit of keeping their mouths closed too.

GEORGE CHRISTOPOULOS.

## \$1 mil for Canberra

The name Canberra Arrows will disappear from the National Soccer League in 1985.

It will be replaced by Canberra City Olympians.

The new club is also rumored to be close to announcing a fantastic, three-year \$250,000 sponsorship deal.

This sponsorship — and interest from the sale of several players — should put the Canberra City Olympians in its strongest financial position for years.

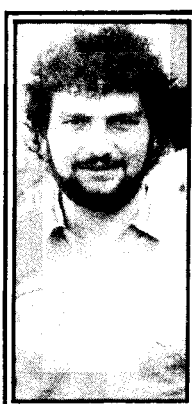
Club expects to get in excess of \$40,000 from the sale of such players as George Christopoulos, Allan Reis, Frank Farina and Angelo Ambrosio... although the number, or the amount, appear flexible.

## Socceroos' tour on TV

On Saturday, November 3 at 9.45 pm, Network 8-28 presents an exclusive live satellite telecast from China of the international soccer clash between Australia's Socceroos and China.

The match, the start of Australia's friendly tour of Asia and Europe, will be played in Beijing before an estimated crowd of 100,000 spectators and is the first such soccer match to be telecast live to Australia from China.

It is a tour which 0-28 will cover extensively, with Les Murray and Mike Hill accompanying the Socceroos across Europe and a tour taking in games in Italy, Scotland, England and Holland. Les will send regular match highlights, interviews and news back to Australia, giving 0-28 viewers a comprehensive up-to-the-minute coverage of the tour.



George Christopoulos answers Frank Arok

Dear Frank Arok, As national coach you have been outspoken about various players when asked why they are not in your squad. I have become increasingly distressed at your reported comments about me.

Beginning at a Canberra Arrows VIP dinner in April, while I was playing for AEK in Greece, I met you. I was very impressed by your fighting spirit and commitment on the field. More recently your remarks as quoted in the Greek press were even more pointed.

I want to set the record straight. About commitment to Australia, I have a greater dedication to the country than you have. I was born here, learned my soccer here and will live here with no other active involvement in the game.

As for commitment to soccer, I left a comfortable and settled life in Melbourne, where I was a regular Socceroo, to come to Canberra to do a sports studies degree course. My BA in Sports Studies is for ploughing something back into soccer. It is an attempt, at considerable personal cost, to gain something that will outlast my football skills, but something that I can devote to the good of the game.

You seem to doubt my dedication to Australian soccer by making out that I was turning my back on Australia by going to play as a full-time professional overseas. The opposite is true. Surely any player who is good enough to earn a living as a full-time professional should be prepared to take his chances. My ambition was to improve myself as a player, and to be available for national selection.

I am not making any aspect of your reported comments concerns my physical or moral courage. You imply that I am not tough enough when the going gets hard. Your comments are probably defamatory, and I have thought seriously about putting the matter in the hands of a solicitor. People tend to believe that sort of thing when it is said by the national coach.

Instead, I have decided to go public, and issue copies of this letter to some members of the soccer press. The only result I want is that you stop making any prejudicial comment based on hearsay or bias about my professional standing.

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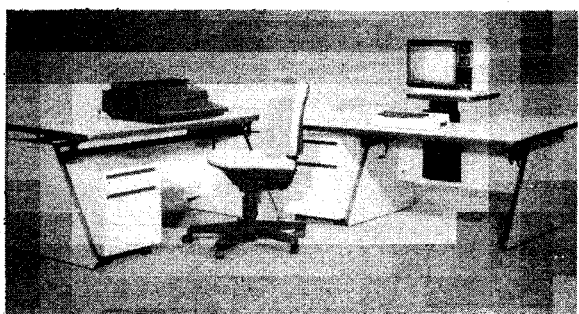
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## THOMASTOWN

### Watch out for Joe Wilson's men in 1985!

Former English First Division player, Altona City and Brunswick Juventus coach Joe Wilson, will lead Thomastown into its first season in State League next year.

And other State League clubs better watch out for if they take Thomastown lightly they're bound to come unstuck.

With Wilson at the coaching helm this season, Thomastown's long awaited dream of having a team which could carry the famous red and black colors of Italian giant A.C. Milan with distinction, came true, as the club's runner-up placing in Metro First Division guaranteed it a State League berth.

It was late in 1971 that a small group of followers of A.C. Milan formed a soccer club in Melbourne's Thomastown-Epping-Lalor area and in just 14 years this club has risen throughout the Victorian leagues to be one of the strongest clubs in the state.

In the mid 70's Thomastown dominated the District League scene winning two premierships but the club could not gain admittance to the Provisional League. In fact by today's standards Thomastown lost four years in its quest to play in the highest ranks of Victorian soccer - State League. But the club never complained. It waited until the right time came and when the doors for promotion were opened the club started the wheels moving with military precision.

Rather than buy its way to the top as other clubs have done, and at times with disastrous results, the Thomastown clan has built its strength on the ability of its committee and members.

Nick Iacobucci once said: "Time was not lost, experience was gained." These words clearly indicate the philosophy of Thomastown and its members.

Step by step the club, with the help of supporters and the Whittless Shire Council, has built a magnificent soccer complex at Partridge Reserve.

But the club does not take things for granted. All the committee members are always working to improve facilities for players, members, spectators and officials.

After all, the tradition of the club must be respected. At Partridge Reserve only the best will do.

The success of Thomastown lies in its administrators who have guided the red and blacks towards the peak of Victorian soccer with intelligence, patience and humility.

Stability always has been the keynote at Thomastown. The club only has had three presidents in its history: Carlo Valmorbidia (from 1971 to 1974), Nick Iacobucci (1975-1983) and Martino Cometti (1984). Early last month Iacobucci returned to the presidency.

In 1974 the Red Devils won their first premiership under the leadership of former Juventus player Leo Divalentino. The fol-

lowing year the club bettered this performance by winning, undefeated, its second premiership this time being coached by the great Juventus player Johnny Bressan.

Some of the players of this era were: R. Amuso, D. Amuso, Sammaecio, Roma P. Vangel, G. Vangel, Biccicchio, Lottia, J. Sgarista, C. Sgarista, Carnovale, C. Rizzo, F. Fragale, R. Zuanetti, L. Divalentino, Mizz and Alberton.

1976 saw the resurrection of the Coppa Italia tournament in Melbourne and Thomastown reached the semi-finals. Two of its players dominated the voting for best players and Joe Carnovale beat Rocky Amuso for the "Il Globo Cup" being awarded to the best and fairest player of the tournament.

In 1977 Thomastown finally was admitted to the Provisional League finishing third in the premiership race. At the end of the season the red devils won the Greenborough Cup against strong opposition.

In 1978 with Claudio Korlevic still coach the club started the season in great fashion and halfway through the premiership race was well poised for promotion. Then Korlevic had to go overseas and the team

lost valuable points and at the end of the season Thomastown finished third for the second year running.

In the Italia Cup the young red devils surprised all good judges by beating Fawkner in the semi final 2-1 only to lose 3-0 to the powerful Juventus side in the final.

The better players of this period were: Amuso, Spadaro, G. Vangel, P. Vangel, N. Kandi, M. Priovoulos, H. Papadopoulos, C. Kramitania, J. Rossetto, G. Gagliardi, J. Lia, R. Mizi, C. Rizzo, J. Carnovale, A. Zuanetti, R. Zuanetti, M. Calazzo, C. Agariata, J. Sgarista.

After having missed promotion by a whisker for the second time in a row the club decided that it was time to take stock and start a long range campaign in its pursuit toward higher divisions.

Martino Cometti was nominated secretary and he has proved a most valuable and astute administrator. Claudio Korlevic was reappointed coach and from Fawkner came sporting director Marcello D'Amico who with Tony Boggi had led the Jukes Road club to its first premiership.

The beginning of the season saw Thomastown destroy its



Thomastown, back row: G. Pascuzzi (sponsor), P. Balassone (chairman), B. Flaherty, M. Comar, G. Watters, M. Curcio, M. Raponi, D. Acesi, F. Arcoraci, N. Di Martino, B. Coyle, J. Wilson (coach), N. Constantinou, B. Lakic, T. Cosentino, F. Fragale. Missing: M. D'Amico (team manager).

opposition winning the first 10 games including cup and premiership encounters. After six premiership games Thomastown was leading the competition undefeated but then disaster struck and in the space of a few weeks nine players were put on the sidelines with severe injuries. Once again promotion was lost.

In the search for success the club decided to sign young players who could give the club many years of service and who would follow instructions to the letter. From Fawkner came Frank Dallas, from Western Suburbs Eddie Hebble, from George Cross Charlie Rizzo and from Juventus four juniors who had won the under-19 premiership. These promising players were: Mauro Raponi (goalkeeper), Angelo Gasparini (midfielder), Mauro Boffa (defender) and Gary Brooks (forward).

1980 began in a blaze of glory and Thomastown surprised everyone by winning the Peninsula Cup against Frankston City, Doveton and Rosebud.

The players were working very hard during training sessions and Balassone and D'Amico always were bringing forward new ideas.

The first defeat of the season came against Sunbury in the quarter final of the Provisional League Cup when in the last minute of the game the old fox Ian Reid pushed Karamitania and the ball into the net and the referee awarded the goal.

The following week the premiership race started against Carlton and for the second game in a row Thomastown lost by the odd goal in three. This was the last official game that Thomastown lost until June 1981, a winning sequence of over forty games! At the end of the season the team had accumulated 36 points out of a possible 40 with 17 wins, two draws and one solitary defeat. The team scored 66 times and conceded only 13 goals.

The premiership had been won with a seven point advantage over Carlton and 13 over Langwarrin. At least the club had gained promotion to the first division of the Provisional League. The reserves, coached by Joe Lia, also won the premiership and the final of the Provisional Reserve Cup against Langwarrin.

Before the Coppa Italia the club won 12 major trophies winning all competitions it had entered excluding the elusive Provisional Cup. But the biggest triumph had yet to come. Balassone and D'Amico devised the hardest possible training sessions. Players had to endure tremendous pressure but no one complained, everyone knew that to win the Coppa Italia sacrifices had to be made. Thomastown had dominated the Provisional League but the experts were saying that the Coppa Italia belonged to the elite and TEL was excluded from the top seedings of the four groups.

Without raising a sweat the team disposed of Nunawading (6-2), Triestina (3-0) and Vermont (2-0) in the elimination rounds. In the first semi-final East Brunswick was accounted for by 3-1.

The final was to be played against Juventus who had defeated Fawkner 4-3 in a titanic struggle. Juventus fielded its strongest team including incalculable Smith, Henry, Greeny, McGuinness, Tarcinelli and so on. Against this array of players Balassone and D'Amico sent out a team of youngsters.

For 60 minutes the two teams were deadlocked in a 0-0 draw even though Thomastown had the better of general play. Suddenly Smith Reserve exploded when 16 years old Seb Magnano scored for Thomastown. Juventus, with its stars was expected to come back and take over but TEL skipper Karamitania scored the second goal with a great header.

With three minutes to go McGuinness reduced the deficit but immediately Magnano beat Fantoma after disposing of four defenders.

The Coppa Italia had been won, the impossible had been achieved, at last Thomastown had proved that it was a great side. The winning team was: Raponi, Trilokopoulos, Boris Karamitania, Rizzo, Dallas, Comar, Hebble, Brooks, Magnano, Tavolara. Other players used were: Taverna, Kandi, Gerry Vangel (came on in the final), Papadopoulos (best

and fairest who was away on honeymoon during the final), Lia, Gasparini and A. Zuanetti.

At the end of the season Marcello D'Amico led to coach Buleen and Balassone was reappointed coach with Joe Lia still in charge of the reserves.

In 1981 the club strengthened its already strong first team squad by signing George Kreskas from Ringwood City and Tony Cosentino from Regent, one of the best defenders in Victoria and easily up to State League standard.

This time Thomastown started favourite and after some strong opposition from Mooroolbark and South Oakleigh, Balassone led Thomastown to the premiership for the second year running. Lia did the same with the reserves. The first team finished with 35 points with 15 wins, five draws and two defeats. The forward line scored 47 goals (Kreskas being the top scorer with 19) and Raponi conceded only 14 goals taking the total to 27 goals against in two seasons.

The VSF re-organised the leagues late in 1981 and Thomastown was promoted from Provisional Division One to Metro Division Three. In 1982, despite tougher competition, Thomastown headed the ladder for the first seven weeks but four successive losses sent the team slipping to seventh spot. Coach Balassone and his players never gave up hope however and staged a remarkable recovery to win their third consecutive championship.

But 1983 wasn't a good one for the club, now in Second Division. With Balassone and D'Amico temporarily in retirement, Jim Kiriara, the former Footscray J.U.S.T. and Heidelberg defender, took over as coach. Joe Lia was his assistant.

Peter Ferrante, reserves team coach, can be well pleased with the development of many young players this year who could force their way into the seniors next season.

Frank Arcoraci, 17, is a stopper with an outstanding future and is almost unbeatable in the air. Moreno Franceschi, a volatile midfielder, is a free kick expert and also is a fine crosser of the ball. Kevin Carfora already has represented

Seven members of the previous years championship winning side either were sold or forced to retire and the newcomers never lived up to expectations. Nevertheless, after a poor start the team hit its straps and was closing on the top sides towards the end of the season but a few late losses put paid to its promotion ambitions.

It finished equal fifth, the club's lowest finish in three years.

Again, the VSF stepped in and decided to restructure the leagues. Again Thomastown was a benefactor and found itself in the Metro First Division for the 1984 season.

Joe Wilson was appointed coach and Iacobucci retired from the presidency. His place was taken by secretary Cometti. D'Amico returned as team manager and Balassone was appointed club chairman, one of the winning moves of the season.

Work started immediately and new players were bought. They were: Brendan Lakic (from Polonia), Brian Coyle (from Makedonia), Bobby Adam (from Moorland), George Watters (from Werribee), Brian Flaherty (from Eltham), and, most importantly, Maurizio Comar and Frank Dallas, two former stars who returned after the disastrous 1983 season.

After a titanic struggle with Springvale City, Thomastown just missed out on winning the championship on goal difference but the club's remarkable Dookery Cup run, which saw it beat State League champ Morwell 2-1 on its way to the semi-finals, let out just what sort of opposition they can expect from Thomastown in 1985.

Paul Temos, 17, also is a state junior representative. He finished equal top scorer in the reserves with Franceschi. Other youngsters who showed a ton of promise include David Lugi, a midfielder; Robert Pinalto, a forward; and Ross Chillico.

Arcoraci, Carfora and Franceschi all played in the seniors during the Centenary Top Four competition for Metropolitan League clubs.

### 1984 STATISTICS

First Division record this season: Played 26; Won 17; Drew 7; Lost 2.

Leading goalscorers: Brendan Lakic 16; Nino Di Martino 10.

Match statistics on the players used in the first team this year. Substitute appearances are in brackets.

PLAYER	POSITION	GAMES
Mauro Raponi	goalkeeper	26
Bob Adam	defender	24(1)
Brendan Lakic	forward	23(2)
Tony Cosentino	defender	23(1)
Danny Acesi	defender	23(1)
Brian Flaherty	forward	22(3)
George Watters	midfielder	21(4)
Brian Coyle	midfielder	20(3)
Nino Di Martino	midfielder	21(3)
Maurizio Comar	midfielder	17(2)
Frank Fragale	forward	18(9)
Paul Di Berardino	defender	15(1)
Frank Dallas	midfielder	14(10)
Nick Constantinou	defender	10(13)
* Tony Mainenti	defender	10(1)
* Vince Tavolara	forward	1(2)
Sam Di Masi	goalkeeper	(26)
Kevin Carfora	midfielder	(2)
Frank Arcoraci	defender	(1)

\* Mainenti transferred to Essendon Triestina after the 11th league game and Tavolara transferred to East Brunswick after the 3rd league game.

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